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# 'COUNCILLORS USED TO OGLE WOMEN STAFF'

SWALE council is run by a clique of senior officers who conspired to get the last chief executive sacked, an employment tribunal heard this week.

That was the testimony of former head of human resources Janet Mason, who is pursuing a claim of unfair dismissal, breach of contract and sex discrimination against the council.

Mrs Mason, from Iwade, alleges she was fired last year because she refused to give details of her boss

■ BY YOURSWALE REPORTER

Mark Bilsborough's contract to a group of senior officers trying to force out the council chief.

Mrs Mason described to an employment tribunal in Ashford how she found herself in the middle of a battle between Mr Bilsborough, who planned to merge council departments, and senior officers worried they would be made redundant.

After she refused to give them permission to look at Mr Bilsborough's contract, she says they went through

her files while she was on holiday.

Mrs Mason said: "I made it plain I didn't want to be part of their covert activities. After that I noticed other senior officers didn't come near me. I felt on the periphery of an exclusive male club."

She said some senior officers were constantly looking for "fresh dirt" to throw at Mr Bilsborough.

"There was a concerted effort to oust him from his post," she added.

Such was the pressure, Mrs Mason felt physically sick before coming to work. She said: "I found myself in

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## 'A BOYS CLUB RUNS OUR COUNCIL' SAYS BATTLING JANET

Janet Mason, former head of human resources at Swale council, who has taken the authority to an industrial tribunal claiming unfair dismissal, breach of contract and sex discrimination.

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**DIRTY:** Burgate Bakery in Faversham was visited by environmental health officers several times

# Unsavory hygiene at town bakery

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

A BAKERY has been fined more than £7,000 for breaching food hygiene regulations.

Burgate Bakery was prosecuted by Swale council after inspectors claimed the company's shop in East Street, Faversham, was dirty and in a poor state of repair.

They also found that hot water was not working on three separate occasions.

Bakery owner Dave Smith said customer safety was always at the forefront of his mind, but staffing and communication problems had meant the issues had gone unnoticed until it was too late.

He said: "As our customers are aware, there are a few of the staff in East Street that have not conducted themselves amicably, often with their duties coming second place to their social activities and conversations.

"The conduct by those few staff has resulted in a lax approach to general husbandry cleaning.

"Subsequently, following visits by the health officer, the bakery main office had been mis-informed of the instructions issued by the health officers, and their concerns, and so the

shop fell into trouble."

On February 13 environmental health officers visited and said they found it dirty and in a poor state of repair including dirty walls, floors and ceiling, and dirty racking used for storing loaves. The hot water was not working to the sink and hand basins.

Further visits to the premises on May 12 and July 10 revealed the hot water was not working again, although Mr Smith says the heater was replaced three times because of mechanical issues beyond his control.

He said: "As the manager of the business, I cannot be everywhere at once. I rely on staff members carrying out my instructions.

"We have revised all cleaning schedules in the shops, made staff changes, and put in place an area shop manager to oversee the cleaning and running of the shops. Regarding the water heater and decorations, all are being or have been sorted and improved.

"Everyone at Burgate Bakery is deeply sorry for any lack of confidence that we may have put on our customers. We aim to give the best every day and we will try harder."

Burgate Bakery Ltd of Bridge, near Canterbury, was fined £7,250 plus costs, by Sittingbourne magistrates on Monday, July 14.

## Take a share in singer's future

**SINGER** Laura Warwick is inviting more people to share in her success as part of her innovative public record label scheme.

Miss Warwick, 20, decided she didn't want to wait to be picked up by an established label, and after recording several songs at a home studio run by musical collaborator Dave Boulden, she decided to take the initiative and get backing herself.

She advertised on her MySpace site for shareholders to come forward and invest in the project, with the promise of profits if her career takes off.

Owning shares also gives some creative control over certain decisions such as artwork and even what songs to include on albums.

The shareholders are kept informed by an email list, sending replies which are then collated and acted on.

Shares are £5 each, and shareholders receive a digital copy of the completed album, with bonus tracks, a ticket to the album release party, and of course, a share in the profits in the form of a dividend payout in April 2010. For more information go to [www.myspace.com/laurawarwick](http://www.myspace.com/laurawarwick).

## Tagger learns to clean up his act

AN 18-year-old graffiti vandal is being taught to clean up after being caught by police and admitting responsibility.

The teenager was spotted by Faversham neighbourhood Sergeant Dave Smith and local police community support officer Karen Johnson causing damage and owned up to nine 'tags' in the area.

Sgt Smith said: "Getting this teenager to clean up his own handiwork was the perfect way to make him realise the effect his actions have had on the local area.

"Graffiti vandals often have no regard for the property they are damaging but this particular artist won't be putting his mark on Teynham or Lynsted again any time soon."

The 18-year-old also received a caution for causing criminal damage.

## Home-grown beer

IT MIGHT be Belgian in name and style, but Shepherd Neame's newest brew is a true Faversham beer.

Created for the Flavours of Faversham food and drink festival last weekend, Faversham Kriek is a continental-style cherry beer fermented with a mixture of cherries from the National Fruit Collection at Brogdale Farm, and from the garden of The Anchor pub in Faversham.

The name is a pun on Faversham Creek, the waterway that links the town with the open sea.



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# Organ pipes theft is tip of scrap iceberg

Dealer says police should let them help spot metals

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

THE organ pipes stolen from St Laurence's church near Faversham have not been recovered, and in the face of rising metal thefts in Swale, scrap merchants say police are not doing enough to help them identify dodgy goods.

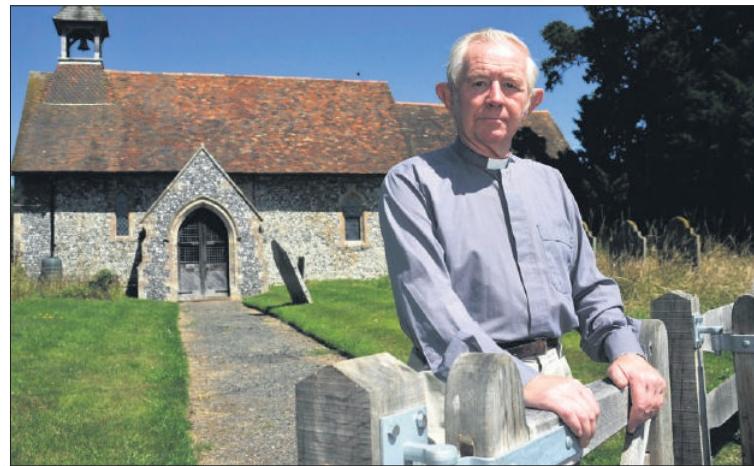
A local metal dealer, who asked not to be identified, told Yoursrale there is no real co-operation between the trade and police when it comes to identifying stolen goods.

He said: "We don't want to see church roofs being ripped off and don't condone what's going on, but we are witnessing what was once a lovely relationship with the police being destroyed."

"If there were a local, dedicated member of staff – not necessarily a police officer – that could feed out information it would be a damn sight more helpful, rather than their high-handed approach at the moment."

"Because of all the publicity there's a purge of scrap metal yards and the police go through purchase books, to check for names and addresses."

He said that police are more reactive than proactive and do not disseminate information about stolen goods quick enough, and metal



DESECRATION: The Reverend Arthur Skinner in front of St Laurence's Church in Leaveland, near Faversham

dealers were often vilified for unwittingly handling stolen goods.

The source, who has a long history in the trade, said that metal dealers would know what to look for even if the metal has been altered to disguise its origins.

He said: "There's a lot of merchants who really try hard, who feel more vulnerable and that we're being segregated as the 'bad guys'."

The rise in the value of lead, copper and other raw materials has led to a series of break-ins across the district and other parts of Kent.

St Laurence's church in Leaveland was broken into and 47 of its lead organ pipes were stolen, which would cost £10,000 to replace but are worth a mere £50 in scrap.

Swale borough commander Chief Inspector

Tony Henley said: "The national problem of metal and lead thefts has not escaped Swale. However, we are tackling the issue in a number of forward thinking ways.

"This includes carrying out regular site visits to scrap metal yards and also stop checking vehicles. As well as this, we are trying to inform the public about how to prevent their metal and lead being stolen.

"In addition to our day to day work, we're also planning a number of police operations over the next few months which we hope will net us some good intelligence and arrests concerning these type of thefts in the area.

Anyone with information relating to metal and lead theft is urged to contact police on 01795 477055.

## Constantly stared at claims head

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tears and I wasn't functioning properly at home. I felt I was being set up and hung out to dry. I felt certain people were just waiting to pounce on me.

"Their dislike of the chief executive was all too apparent."

She told the tribunal she had worked at Swale council for more than 20 years, but in the last three months of her time there felt under constant stress.

Mrs Mason said she was left out of conversations. Some officers and councillors used to ogle female employees, she added.

Women staff stopped wearing clothes they thought might be too revealing, as they were constantly being stared at.

Mrs Mason said: "They constantly used sexual innuendo."

Mr Bilsborough was suspended on full pay by Swale council while on holiday in December 2006.

He was put on gardening leave until April when a closed meeting of the council sacked him.

Mrs Mason was suspended in January 2007. The tribunal was adjourned until October 8.

## Villagers told they must wait again for polytunnel decision

CAMPAIGNERS against the controversial polytunnel development near Hernhill have again been left waiting as the decision has been deferred for a second time.

The plans would see large plastic covers, potentially more than five metres high and 8 metres wide, erected in a 27-hectare field bordering the Thanet Way for up to eight months of the year.

The decision to further delay the vote has been made to allow the Environment Agency to submit a report into flooding and drainage on the site.

Villagers living nearby argue the development is an eyesore, and brings little advantage to the community as the company running the plantation employs immigrant workers and not local people.

But despite more than 22 people objecting to the plans, including boxer Barry McGuigan, the scheme was recommended for approval, and



CAMPAIGN: Barry McGuigan is ready to fight the plans for a large polytunnel development near his home in Dargate, close to Hernhill

could have been passed at a meeting on Thursday, July 17.

A site meeting was held on July 7, and planners argue the site is well screened and claim the development is a justified agricultural use for the field.

A date has not yet been set for the planning meeting at which the final decision will be made.

## Weatherman to steam into town to open model railway event

WEATHERMAN Nick Miller will open the annual model railway exhibition at the Alexander Centre this Saturday.

Mr Miller, who works for the BBC, will appear at the sixth annual exhibition organised by the Kent Group of the G Scale Society which will feature six large-scale model railways, including several Faversham favourites.

The model trains will be powered by electricity, battery and live steam, representing full-size trains not only from Britain, but also Austria, Germany and the US.

The model railway show is on at The Alexandre Centre, Faversham, on Saturday, July 26.

It is open from 10am to 4pm. Entrance is £2.50 for adults and 50p for accompanied children. Tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available.

For further information visit [www.gscalekent.co.uk](http://www.gscalekent.co.uk).

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## Ceremony in honour of WWI fighter ace 'Mick'

BRITAIN'S top World War One flying ace will be remembered at West Gate Towers in a commemoration day on the anniversary of his death in action over the Western Front.

Major Edward Corringham 'Mick' Mannock, who was brought up in Canterbury, shot down 61 German planes, more than any other British pilot.

The anniversary, on Saturday, is being commemorated in World War One Fighter Ace, a special family event at the towers, and also in a separate wreath-laying ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral at 11am.

## Man charged with drink driving after flipping van

A VAN crash in Whitstable has led to a drink driving charge for an Aylesbury motorist.

Police were called to a report that a van had turned on to its side near the Whitstable slip road off the A299 Thanet Way at 5am on Saturday, July 12.

Officers arrested the driver, Karl Pemble, 35, of Bracken Way, Aylesbury, who is due to appear before magistrates in Canterbury on July 30 charged with drink driving.

The van was the only vehicle involved and there were no injuries.

## Police to pounce on dog owners who fail to scoop

IRRESPONSIBLE dog owners are being targeted by police and council officers in Canterbury's parks.

Joint patrols by the police community support officer for open spaces and council staff have resulted in four enforcement notices being issued to dog owners warning them they will be fined if they do not keep their pets on leads where this is specified in parks.

Environmental issues and litter have been listed by the joint groups called Partners and Communities Together as among the top ten priorities they want addressed in their communities.

## Urban skillz sessions to give festival street cred

A FREE urban arts and street culture event will return to this year's Herne Bay Festival.

'Freestylin' @ The Bay will give young people aged 13-19 the chance to learn skills such as R&B singing, beatbox and street dancing with professional artists, from Monday 18 to Friday, August 22.

Everyone involved will have the chance to show off their newly-acquired skills to the audience on the last day of the festival.

Visit [www.hernebayfestival.co.uk](http://www.hernebayfestival.co.uk) for more information.

# Beer festival aled a massive success

■ BY JENNY ARMSTRONG

SIX thousand people flocked to the increasingly popular Kent Beer Festival at Merton Farm near Canterbury last weekend.

Organisers say this has been the most popular festival so far, with tickets for Friday night selling out at the beginning of July – the earliest ever. The event was so popular that cask ales ran out on Saturday afternoon, the final day of the three-day event.

Spokesperson Mary Galliers said: "It went very well indeed. We had some different bands this year, which were quite popular."

### Atmosphere

The festival, held by the Campaign for Real Ale, boasted over 130 British beers, as well as ciders and Perry. There were almost 50 beers from the ten Kent breweries, with smaller brands such as Hopdaemon represented alongside large brewers like Shepherd Neame.

Festival-goer Stephan Wasserman-Fry said: "The beer festival is amazing. It has a nice atmosphere and is the quintessential Canterbury experience. It is country life juxtaposed with the British weather."

"My favourite beer is Weihenstephaner – the oldest beer in the world. The brewery was founded in 1040."

There were a number of novelty beers at the festival this year, including espresso beer, cherry beer and ginger beer.



WHAT'S YOUR POISON? More than 130 British beers, with names such as Skullsplitter, were supped by festival goers

Those with novelty names rather than novelty tastes proved the most popular. Bartender Hugh Bird said: "Skullsplitter was very popular. Last Rites was the legendary one, at 11 percent. A crowd of people gather round asking what it is like."

The festival boasted an eclectic musical line-up, as well as morris dancers, children's entertainment and even archery.

This is the beer festival's 34th year, making it the second oldest beer festival in the country.

Festival organiser Gill Keay said: "The Kent beer festival is the highlight of the summer for

our many regulars but we always welcome new visitors and tourists too. Tasting notes are provided to encourage people to try different beers."

The festival promotes Kent's beers, and is run by volunteer members of the Campaign for Real Ale. Profits go to their headquarters, and are used in campaigns to protect and promote real ale.

Campaign for Real Ale volunteer, James Lamb, said: "The festival is full of good people, nice people. There is fantastic free beer if you are working. More people should volunteer because it's a really good atmosphere."



## Singers shine light on 30mph road campaign

THE Streetlight Singers serenaded Whitefriars shoppers on Friday in a bid to cut speeding on our roads.

As part of the Kent and Medway Safety Camera Partnership's (KMSCP) 'Streetlights mean 30' campaign, the trio of singers – all dressed in 9ft streetlight costumes – performed a specially composed song to raise awareness of the speed limit in built-up areas.

Other members of the team handed out free flashlight key rings and provided the public with information

dispelling any myths and reminding the public that streetlights by the road means the limit is 30mph – unless stated otherwise.

One of the team taking to the streets said: "The launch was a great success and caused quite a stir on the day."

"Some members of the public did admit to not knowing the rule but will remember it now thanks to the Streetlight Singers."

• For more information about the campaign log on to [www.kmscp.org](http://www.kmscp.org).



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WISH COME TRUE: Alex Wellard meets the cast of Chitty Chitty Bang Bang during his visit to Cardiff

# Truly Scrumptious day out for young leukaemia sufferer

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

A BOY fighting leukaemia has had his wish come true after he was whisked off to meet the stars of hit musical Chitty Chitty Bang Bang.

Alex Wellard, 9, of Manor Close, Herne Bay, was a massive fan of the popular movie version of the tale, so his family wrote to the Make-A-Wish Foundation UK charity asking if he could see the new stage production and take a peak behind the scenes.

The Make-A-Wish Foundation UK is Britain's leading wish granting charity which organises exciting experiences for children and young people fighting life-threatening illnesses.

And young Alex had his dreams answered when he was told he was going to Cardiff to see the show and meet the stars – including singer Aled Jones.

Earlier this month, the charity transported him to Wales where he and his family were put up in a hotel ready for the big day.

Make-A-Wish arranged for him to be collected from his hotel in a stretch limousine, along with his mum, dad and brother, Daniel, and travel in style to the Millennium Centre in Cardiff where they watched a matinee of the acclaimed show.

After singing along to classic songs such as Me Ol' Bamboo and Truly Scrumptious, Alex and his family were invited backstage to meet the cast of the show, including Aled Jones, who plays Chitty's inventor, Caractacus Potts, in the all-singing, all-dancing stage version of Ian Fleming's famous book.

Jones shot to fame as a boy soprano in the 1980s and has since carved a career which includes presenting the BBC's Songs of Praise and BBC Radio 2's Good Morning Sunday show.

Alex's mum, Kerrie, said: "Alex felt really special being able to sit in the 'Chitty' car and everyone was so kind at the theatre. It was an experience we will never forget."

Founded in 1986, the Make-A-Wish Foundation has granted nearly 5,000 wishes over its 21 year history.

Wishes, which are granted to children from across Britain, range from a sought-after present such as a quad bike or Playstation 3 to an experience of a lifetime, which has included meeting bands such as Def Leppard.

• To get involved with the charity please visit [www.makeawish.org.uk](http://www.makeawish.org.uk).

## Special report on the Lambeth Conference

THE Lambeth Conference is under way in Canterbury, with more than 650 bishops descending on the city.

The once-a-decade get-together, one of the biggest events in the Anglican Church's calendar, is likely to stimulate widespread discussion given much of the discussion focusing on homosexuality.

Prior to its start, Julie Maddocks went along to find out quite why it is so significant in a special report on our free, broadband TV site [www.yourkenttv.co.uk](http://www.yourkenttv.co.uk). Search 'Lambeth'.

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## Medics to wheel way to accidents

PEDALLING paramedics will be introduced in Canterbury and Whitstable this summer in an effort to speed up response times.

It is hoped ambulance crew on bikes will be able to quickly reach and treat patients inaccessible by vehicle, thanks to the scheme being trialled in Kent and Sussex.

The mountain bikes will be equipped with all the necessary life saving gear – including a defibrillator carried on the paramedic's back – to treat patients or keep casualties alive while waiting for an ambulance to take them to hospital.

South East Coast Ambulance Service said the new two-wheeled lifesavers would respond to all types of emergency calls.

Acting clinical team leader, Dave Marshall, said: "We believe these bikes will prove to be a positive addition to our fleet in terms of responding quickly and appropriately to patients."

The scheme is also being trialled in popular seaside resort Brighton in East Sussex.

## Parks to fly green flag

TWO parks in the district have been awarded green flags, the national standard for open spaces.

Reculver Country Park, for the sixth time, and Duncan Down in Whitstable, for the third time, have both scooped the prestigious award.

Judges assessed how welcoming the parks were, how healthy, safe and secure, their cleanliness and maintenance, and the sustainability, conservation and heritage, community involvement, marketing and management of each.

Canterbury council say the awards are due to the regeneration and economic development department working with other organisations to manage the parks, in Reculver's case, the Kent Wildlife Trust, and at Duncan Down, the Friends of Duncan Down.

## Man jailed for PC punch

A HOMELESS man has been sent to prison for 80 days after punching a police officer in the face in a Canterbury park.

PC Angela Burgess, a member of the city's neighbourhood team, found Derek Wells, 42, of no fixed address, with open beer cans in Westgate Gardens at lunchtime on July 3.

Under Alcohol Control Area conditions allowing an officer to remove alcohol if it is felt it will lead to anti-social behaviour, Wells was asked to put the cans in the bin.

As he was doing so he turned round and punched the officer, breaking her glasses and bruising her face.



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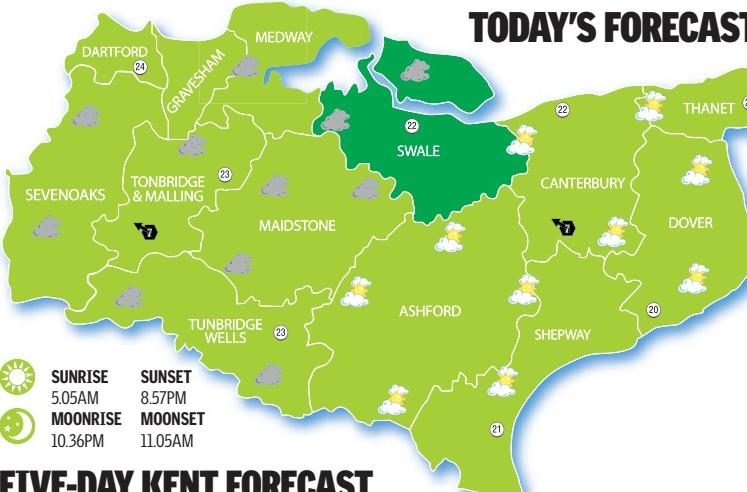
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|                   | Sunday   | 6:00am | 5.5m |
| <b>Dover</b>      | Saturday | 3:42pm | 6.4m |
|                   | Sunday   | 4:28pm | 6.3m |
| <b>Dungeness</b>  | Saturday | 3:38pm | 7.5m |
|                   | Sunday   | 4:25pm | 7.3m |
| <b>Ramsgate</b>   | Saturday | 4:12pm | 4.9m |
|                   | Sunday   | 4:58pm | 4.8m |
| <b>Sheerness</b>  | Saturday | 5:11pm | 5.5m |
|                   | Sunday   | 5:53pm | 5.4m |
| <b>Whitstable</b> | Saturday | 5:04pm | 5.2m |
|                   | Sunday   | 5:50pm | 5.0m |

## FIVE-DAY KENT FORECAST

|                   | Thur | Fri  | Sat  | Sun  | Mon  |
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| <b>Canterbury</b> | 21°C | 22°C | 23°C | 25°C | 24°C |
| <b>Chatham</b>    | 22°C | 22°C | 22°C | 24°C | 24°C |
| <b>Dartford</b>   | 24°C | 24°C | 26°C | 27°C | 26°C |
| <b>Dover</b>      | 20°C | 20°C | 21°C | 22°C | 20°C |
| <b>Faversham</b>  | 22°C | 22°C | 22°C | 24°C | 24°C |
| <b>Folkestone</b> | 20°C | 20°C | 21°C | 22°C | 20°C |
| <b>Gillingham</b> | 22°C | 22°C | 22°C | 24°C | 24°C |

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### Carnival atmosphere sees off the clouds

THIS year's Sittingbourne Spectacular was a runaway success with a wide range of artists on show and more visitors than ever before.

Stilt-walkers, dragons and performance artists walked among the crowds, creating a carnival feel as a programme of live music inspired dancing in the streets.



HIGH THERE: Stilt-walkers take to the streets

In a new addition to the festival, two graffiti artists created artwork live in the High Street. Swale's arts and heritage officer, Catherine Herbert, who helped organise the event, said that many considered this to be one of the best spectacles ever.

She said: "It was great to see that people stayed later than usual and lovely to see so many children and families enjoying themselves."

"We were lucky with the weather. It looked like it might rain from time to time but, thankfully, blue skies broke through and everyone stayed dry."

"It was great to have the Mayor and Mayoress of Swale with us. They opened the event by releasing doves, which was a fitting launch for a brilliant day."

The annual spectacular, which is funded by Swale council, has been running for 13 years and attracts about 2,000 revellers.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### BOB LAMOON



**Q & A**

The photographer spoke to **James Alexandre** about changing careers to pursue his passion, which has taken him to south India and back, exhibitions he has coming up soon and his hopes for the future

**Q** Can you tell us a little bit about yourself?

**A** I was a teacher of design and technology for many years but last year decided to concentrate on photography and graphic design. A new venture that I am involved in is acting as a guide-come-tutor on photographic holidays in south India, with the first trip planned for November. For details go to [www.photoursthindia.com](http://www.photoursthindia.com).

**Q** What first interested you in photography?

**A** Many years ago I saw an exhibition in France of the work of Henri Cartier-Bresson. I was totally bowled over by the visual narrative of his pictures. He captured the moment and never cropped a photograph.

**Q** Who or what is your favourite photographer/style of photography?

**A** I love photographs that tell a story. I don't always know if I am reading the story that the photographer saw but that's not a problem. Apart from Cartier-Bresson, the work of Robert Capa gives me shivers down the spine. Okay, these are very famous photographers but they worked hard and were brilliant.

**Q** Where is the most unusual or interesting thing you have taken a picture of?

**A** On a recent trip to south India, being allowed to take photographs inside some of the Hindu temples was a great privilege.

**Q** What do you hope to achieve with your work in future?

**A** I would love to sell many photographs from my south India portfolio so that I can give something back to poor children in India. In Tamil Nadu I met a guy who was running an orphanage and they are desperate for help. One of my photographs is called the Little Sweet Seller. It features a little kid in Cochin that I failed to see when I took the picture. I want to find her and pay for her contribution.

**Q** What do you think of the cultural and artistic life of Swale?

**A** I have lived in Faversham for the past seven years and just love the place. It needs to be cherished for its history and heritage but also for its people. I really hope the project known as 'Creek Creative' gets off the ground. Faversham is in desperate need of a cultural centre. There are many people beavering away in the area who need an outlet for their creative talents. We have lost three galleries recently and must hold on to what we still have, namely Wyards (a lovely gallery offering a wide range of printing workshops) and the Polka Dot Art Centre (a little known gem in Teynham).

**Q** Where can people find out more about you and your work?

**A** There's my website [www.boblamoon.com](http://www.boblamoon.com) that has just gone live. I'm very excited about it and would greatly appreciate feed-

back. I have an exhibition coming up quite soon at Wyards Print & Artworks in Ospringe. It's called 'Impression of South India' and runs from July 30 until August 16. The same exhibition will move to The Horsebridge Gallery in Whitstable at the end of September. The Polka Dot Art Centre in Teynham has just accepted four of my prints of Faversham.

'A Year in the Life of Faversham' is an exhibition of 366 photographs, one for each day of the year, that will take place at the end of August in the Drill Hall, Preston Street, Faversham. About 50 photographers have submitted photographs and I am very pleased to have about 25 pictures included. All profits will be shared by The Faversham Society and the Kent Wildlife Trust.

**Q** What do you like to do when you're not working?

**A** Well, if you mean when I'm not taking pictures, I work on my allotment and occasionally help a mate with his garden work. I am a qualified mountain leader and I'm about to take a party of young people to north Wales for a Duke of Edinburgh's Award gold expedition. Probably the nearest thing I do to not working is walking with my Jack Russell dog.

**Q** Tell us something that people don't tend to know about you.

**A** I have done many jobs in my life including driving a JCB, running a brass foundry and being a ploughman.

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# Drug arrests rise after dealers are targeted

■ BY NICK AMES

CRIME across the county has dropped by 10.3 per cent in the last year, according to the latest statistics.

A total of 15,133 fewer offences were committed between April, last year, and this March, compared with the previous year.

But the same figures revealed an rise of 18 per cent in offences relating to drugs.

Reductions were seen in the areas of violent crime, criminal damage, burglary and vehicle crime.

Police say the rise in drugs offences is a result of the work undertaken to destroy networks.

The force said the total of 3,524 recorded drugs offences – up 548 on 2007 – was because of officers' success in destroying supply networks.

Assistant Chief Constable Gary Beatridge called the latest figures "good news".

He said: "It is encouraging that the number of crimes being committed continues to fall even now and we will work hard to continue to improve the reductions we've seen in the last year."

Police said across the county the chances of being a victim of crime are decreasing, with 80 offences to every 1,000 persons.

This figure is higher than in the neighbouring county of Surrey, but police have stressed a "like for like" comparison is not appropriate as Kent has more areas of deprivation.

Mr Beatridge said: "The commitment of Kent Police, our officers and staff, and the help we receive from the public have all contributed towards this excellent achievement in tackling and reducing crime.

"Our neighbourhood policing teams have formed close relationships with the communities they are protecting and serving, enabling officers to deal with local crime issues more easily."

He added that the increase in reported drug offences was a reflection of the good work of officers in this area.



HARD KNOCKS: A police officer forces open a door during a raid targeting the class A drugs network in Maidstone

"Context must be applied here, as this shows we are targeting drug dealers," he said.

"No one wants to see dealers in the midst of a community, selling drugs to children. If we are

contacted by concerned people we will act to combat this menace. My message to the drug dealers is: watch out. We will come after you and you will end up in prison."

## KCC defends Zimbabwe shares link

THE Green Party has accused Kent County Council of supporting Robert Mugabe's "despotic" regime in Zimbabwe.

The party claims KCC has more than a £100 million in shares in companies which have some involvement with the troubled African state. They say the authority has ignored calls for an ethical investment policy.

The Greens say KCC has £109.5 million invested in companies they claim have links with Zimbabwe.

These are mining groups Anglo American and Rio Tinto, oil giants BP and Shell and banks Standard Chartered and Barclays.

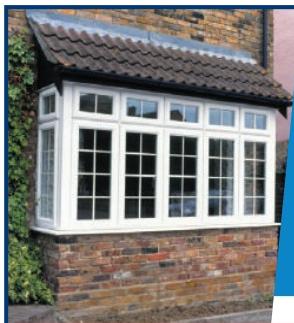
Spokesman Stuart Jeffrey said: "The Mugabe regime has been condemned by all the major parties in the UK, yet county councillors refuse to consider the effects of their inaction.

"Councillors should be called to account for their part in supporting unethical investments in the face of almost universal condemnation.

"David Cameron has called for his party to examine its morals when it comes to investing, yet both Tory and Lib Dem councillors are prepared to maintain investments."

A KCC spokesman said: "The council is responsible for the management of the £2.6 billion Kent pension fund. The fund covers about 200 public sector employers in the county and has about 40,000 scheme members and another 40,000 pensioners.

"The fund committee has to get the best returns it can, otherwise the burden of the costs of pensions could fall on taxpayers. We leave decisions about which companies to invest in to investment managers as we need to maximise our returns and hold the managers accountable for their performance."



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# Hook up with a book for the Kent Year of Reading

BY FAITH RIDING

LIFE is so much better when you read – an enduring message and one that is at the heart of the 2008 Kent Year of Reading – the county's contribution to the national campaign.

Designed to boost literacy levels and encourage everyone to make reading part of their daily lives, the year-long programme was launched at County Hall in Maidstone in April.

School children joined Kent County Council cabinet members on a sofa, a bed and deckchairs for a morning of storytelling, to help illustrate great places to read.

Getting as many people as possible involved in the campaign has been made easier thanks to a broad programme of events in the county libraries.

There was a 'Living Library' in Sevenoaks – one of only four nationwide – which allowed customers to borrow people from different professions and walks of life for a conversation, and a 'Library in the Park' in Dartford which opened on July 1 so that books could be browsed and borrowed in the great outdoors.

## Inspiration

Other activities have included incentive schemes to encourage reading, author talks and a song writing competition in Dover – reinforcing the message that the skill of reading is vital in all aspects of life including music.

More activities are planned – the most immediate is this year's Reading Challenge which has an Olympic theme and encourages young people to spend some of the long summer break with their noses in books.

The campaign has also been the inspiration behind the Kent Story – county council leader Paul Carter penned an opening chapter for 12 books, one for each district, which are travelling from school to school with pupils writing their



BOOKS FOR ALL: These children joined in the fun for an initiative designed to encourage us all to enjoy the written word

own contribution to continue the tales.

The project is being guided by the imaginations of the county's young writers and artists and the finished books will be put on display at County Hall and then in libraries across the county.

Work is also going on with prison inmates, young offenders and adult learners – with a focus on how improved literacy levels can open doors and radically change prospects at work and at home.

"At the heart of all this activity is the determination to change people's attitudes to reading, particularly among those who don't consider it important or relevant to their lives," says strategic manager Gill Bromley, who is leading the project.

"The Kent Year of Reading is not just about events – although these are a wonderful way to encourage the community to get involved.

"Our main aim is to target those people for whom reading presents a challenge or isn't that important.

## Vital

"The best way to change this mindset is to encourage and promote the idea that literacy can help in so many aspects of life – it's not just about settling down with a novel – but vital for surfing the net, applying for a passport or even reading the instructions on the microwave."

What about 2009 and beyond – will all this activity just stop? "Absolutely not," says Ms Bromley. "The most important thing for us will be to establish the Kent Year of Reading's legacy and ensure that this commitment to improving literacy levels and generating reading passion continues. Every year should be a Year of Reading."

## Officers to lead way with e-life initiative

A LEADERSHIP Academy has been launched by Kent police to develop the abilities of all officers – from police community support officers to area commanders.

It will record each participant's developing abilities on the force's internal internet – giving officers an "e-life" of how they are getting on in the training programmes.

The academy was set up at the request of Chief Constable Michael Fuller, at the force headquarters in Maidstone, to spot and develop leadership talent and, ultimately, achieve higher standards of performance.

The academy training is being tailored specifically to Kent's needs.

This includes live simulation training to test leadership and decision-making skills in a range of scenarios and critical incident situations.

Participants update their "e-life" regularly to show how their approach to their day-to-day work has benefited.

Mr Fuller said: "Leadership is important at every level in the force.

"We look to select leaders who inspire, motivate, set standards, support their staff and recognise good work.

"This is why I was keen to invest in ensuring we have skilled and talented leaders for the future.

"I believe, through an innovative approach to training that includes live simulation of a range of scenarios our leaders could encounter, we will continue to improve our performance.

"The feedback from those who have already taken part in the programme has been resoundingly positive."

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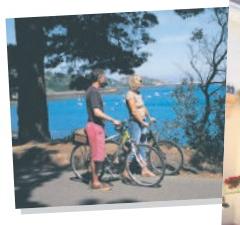
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**TEAM:** From left, Tom Cantor, Ryan Gorman, Enrique Page, Zachary Evans, Josh Clayton and Oliver Hyde with the trophy and certificate which they won for their golf ball that can be tracked with satellite positioning technology

■ BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

SIX budding entrepreneurs from Borden Grammar School are celebrating after winning a prize for their novel idea in a business competition.

The team from year ten, comprising Josh Clayton, Zachary Evans, both aged 14, Tom Cantor, Oliver Hyde, Ryan Gorman and Enrique Page, all aged 15, came up with the idea of a golf ball that can be tracked using satellite positioning technology.

The competition, run by East Kent Education Business Partnership, was held at the Pfizer building in Sandwich earlier this month and saw teams from fifteen different Kent schools present their ideas.

They faced some tough questioning from business judges intent on testing the viability of their ideas.

The team, whose company name is Nai Inc, developed a prototype and prepared a business case for their product, presenting their idea to a full lecture hall at Pfizer via slides and an advertisement, which they filmed themselves.

They had won their place in the final after beating off competition from 23 other teams

in their own school over the course of two heats. They had been working on their idea since January.

Company secretary Ryan Gorman said they faced many challenges along the way, including generating high quality paperwork to demonstrate their business case.

He said: "Getting the paperwork together was irritating but well worth it."

Tom Cantor, the company technician, added that they "had great fun filming the advert."

Each boy took on a different role and company chairman Enrique Page said: "It was a team effort."

Marketing manager Zachary Evans said that they enjoyed being in the spotlight and "being on stage wasn't as nerve-wracking as people think it is."

Assistant headteacher Richard Artingstoll, who coached the team, was delighted with their performance.

He said: "They were really confident and assured when they were at the front doing their presentation.

"I am very proud of them."

The scheme is designed for school pupils in year ten as part of their enterprise education promoting team work, creativity and good planning.

The boys were presented with a trophy and certificate on the day.

### BREAK TIME

## Pupils prove their worth

FULSTON Manor School held its annual lower school awards ceremony to mark the achievements of its pupils.

Headteacher Alan Brookes gave out 101 awards to pupils for academic or personal successes during the event last Tuesday.

Presentations were given to pupils who have contributed to the overall life of the community to highlight its importance for their personal development.

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**CELEBRATION:** Fulston lower school annual awards ceremony with headteacher Alan Brookes

was presented to Sean Tribe, who has not missed a single session during his three years at the school.

The certificates for outstanding progress in English, mathematics and science could not be awarded because of the national delay in the marking of SATs papers and will be awarded next term.

Headteacher Mr Brookes said: "It is always a source of pleasure at the end of the academic year to celebrate the success of so many of our younger pupils."

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## Cheer up, it might never happen. Summer, that is

**SEASONAL** Affective Disorder, you may remember, was the affliction of choice a few years back.

It was the reason, we were told, so many of us feel glum during the winter months. A lack of bright light apparently turns some of us a little blue.

It's a catchy little title for what many would consider simply our natural reaction to cold dark nights and, well, cold dark days.

Few of us manage to raise much of a smile, after all, when we wake up to darkness, endure a day of darkness in the office, then make the jaunt home by the power of moonlight. Assuming, of course, it's not cloudy. Which it normally is.

We don't even get a bit of snow any more to lighten the mood and give us all a couple of extra days at home snuggling under the duvet, popping out to build the obligatory snowman and chuck a few icy snowballs in some poor unfortunate's direction.

But by April, in theory, the gloom lifts and so do your spirits. So imagine how frustrating

2008 must be for those with a penchant for a dose of SAD every year. No sooner does the sun poke its warm little head out from behind a cloud than everything else goes to pot.

You may well have been saving during those rainy days for a bit of a summer splurge, but instead that cash is now going on a splash of petrol.

We hardly need reminding that petrol prices have rocketed faster than Lewis Hamilton out of the pits, or that fuel bills are hotting up to an overdraft-nudging level.

And while the housing market belly flops like a sumo wrestler plummeting from a ten-storey building, there isn't much to put that smile on the face of the SAD sufferer.

Which is a shame, because summers are supposed to be one long, hot affair where we all don flip-flops for three months and laugh at work colleagues who forgot the sun cream and impersonate tomatoes for the duration.

It was always going to be a bit glum, too, given the weather forecast. Warm and wet is not a heart-warmer. And so it has proved. If the summer keeps plodding along as it has so

far, then no doubt floods will be sweeping in come September.

So we all need a bit of cheering up. But how?

Well, there's some good news for those who can still afford to run a car and commute to work on our roads. Because as of this week, the school holidays kick in which means everyone will spend the next few weeks getting to work 15 minutes earlier on account of the lack of traffic.

And if you get to work early you can cram in some quality creeping to the boss, which will enhance your job prospects and ensure that when you get turned down for a pay rise due to the economy, they'll at least break the news to you nicely, rather than a cursory email telling you "don't even think about it".

So if you do suffer from SAD, at least you'll only be swapping the gloom of summer for the gloom of winter, so you might not notice the difference. Something to smile about, surely?

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Fun to be with female, 23, 5'2", brown hair/blue eyes, medium build, seeks similar male, for friendship, fun, possibly more. Box 836575

### NOT AFRAID OF HARD WORK?

Lively female, 26, 5'2, brown hair, green eyes, size 10, single mum, enjoys most things, seeks genuine, laid-back guy, for fun, friendship and more. Box 428555 **T**

### SEE WHERE IT TAKES US

I'm 26, 5'10, enjoy going out, restaurants, pubs, cinema and cosy nights in, looking for someone tall to go out with possibly leading to relationship. Box 418077 **T**

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Tall, attractive, good hearted African female, 28yr old, enjoys films, good food and cuddles, WLTM a white male for friendship and romance. Box 441654 **T**

### UP FOR LOVE?

Attractive female, very bubbly, 29, 5'14, short hair, blue eyes, into anything, seeking male 25-35, caring with good personality, kids welcome, for love. Box 442412

### SOMEONE SPECIAL...

Single Mum, 39, dark hair/blue eyes, medium build, enjoys pubs, cinemas, eating out/DVDs, concert, WLTM honest, reliable male with GSOH to make my smile. Box 441915

### PILLION DOLLAR BABE!

Slim lady, 31, shoulder-length dark hair, hazel eyes, loves having fun and meeting new people. Mark, the pub owner, please call and leave contact details! Box 433131 **T**

### TRADE-IN LOVER

Traffic-light female, 24, 5'6, ambitious, relaxed, kind, sharing and game for a laugh, looking for a romantic, fun-loving man for potential love & romance. Box 442352

### CUDLY FEMALE

32, 5'9, brown hair, curvy figure, enjoys having fun and a laugh, and WLTM nice, kind gent. Box 439402 **T**

### CANTERBURY TALES

Single mum of 2, 32, WLTM someone kind, caring and considerate, for nights in/out and cinema. Ryan from Whistable, please call again, leave contact details! Box 406670 **T**

### FUN-LOVING FEMALE

Attractive, 31, 5'4", size 10, dark hair with blonde highlights, taurine, WLTM intelligent, professional, attractive guy, for a happy relationship. Tunbridge Wells. Box 308734 **TP**

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## CHAT

### JAZZ FUSION

Single girl, hard-working, kind and caring, 32, brown hair/eyes, nice smile, looking to meet similar, so let's see how it goes. Box 901072 **TP**

### SENSUAL HEALING?

I'm a social, caring and sensual woman, 33, who enjoys having fun, conversation, arts, music and eating out, seeking a like-minded, upbeat man. Box 899177 **TP**

### SIMPLY IRRESISTIBLE

Bubbly, genuine, honest, caring Mum of 1, 34, dark hair, blue eyes, loves nights in/out, seeking male, 30-40, with GSOH, for love and all. Box 437041 **T**

### ANIMAL MAGIC!

Single, kind, caring animal lover, 34, from Kent, likes cooking, cinema, theatre, most music, sees non-smoking male, 34-38, for LTR. Box 440782 **T**

### HISTORIC MEETING?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **T**

### WHAT'S ON?

Mum of three, 36, long mousey hair, blue eyes, interested in historical places, music, eating out, seeks kind, caring, genuine male 36-49, non-smoker, for LTR. Box 440693 **T**

### SEE THE DAY

Attractive and friendly female, 36, caring, considerate, outgoing, loves to travel and walks on beaches, seeks similar male for potential long term romance. Box 442392 **T**

### ANIMAL LOVER?

Nurse, 37yrs, 2 kids, 5ft8, blonde hair, blue eyes, likes the gym, cooking, swimming, salsa dancing, looking for a kind, caring, loyal male Box 431557 **T**

### MAKE A LAUGH

Lonely, bored, professional Tunbridge Wells Asian lady, 40, WLTM slim, single, professional white male 40-50 for compa-ny, fun, love and laughter. Box 442303 **T**

### SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE

Kind, caring, spiritual lady, 39, 5'4", average build, hazel puppy-dog eyes, brown hair, looking for genuine, honest guy, non-smoker, friendfirst. Box 899694 **TP**

### TOO MUCH TO ASK

Genuine female, 41, 5'3", brunette, brown eyes, medium build, enjoys meat out, music etc, seeks male, 38-42, for romance. Box 155275 **T**

### ATTRACTION & SATISFACTION

Hard-working independent female, 41, dark brown hair, brown eyes, GSOH, enjoys cinema, eating in/out, seeking similar male with no issues for friendship first, then hopefully more. Box 442205 **T**

### ATTRACTIVE BRUNETTE

Fun-loving, affectionate Brunette, 43, size 12, NS, separated amicably with 2 lovely kids, enjoys keeping fit. Seeks good-looking, slim, fit, romantic male. Box 814378 **TP**

### THIS STATE OF INDEPENDENCE

Divorced, lively mum, 35, GSOH, I enjoy time with my family and friends, cinema, good food, beach walks, seeks male for honesty, love and romance. Box 813930 **TP**

### MEND A BROKEN HEART

Single mum of three, 37, lives in Eastbourne, fun-loving, great to be around, been hurt in the past, heart has been broken and needs mending. Box 900553 **TP**

### LOVE TO LOVE YOU

Lovely female, 36, 5'5, medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, own house, loves walking, going out, the usual! Seeking male for long-term/serious relationship. Box 438102 **T**

### CAROL SINGING

I'm Carol, friendly, sociable female, 35, love socialising, WLTM male, with similar interests, for stimulating times and maybe lasting relationship. Box 303551 **T**

### BLONDE AMBITION

Bubbly, cuddly, blonde single mom, 38, 5'6, likes cars, reading, pubs, cosy nights in, having a laugh, looking for that right male for LTR. Box 905614 **TP**

### YOUNG AT-HEART

Attractive 38 yr old female, dark brown hair, blue eyes, curly physique, likes days out, music, concerts, cinema, walking, cycling, seeks loving, fun male for friend-ship/relationship. Box 901893 **TP**

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## CHAT

### BLACK MAGIC

Loveing black female, 49y old, slim, enjoys cooking, dancing and socialising, WLTM a gentle man for a romantic relationship. Box 441839 **T**

### HOPE YOU FIT THE BILL

Slim blonde, 49, 5ft4, attractive, young looking, enjoys dancing, holidays abroad and driving, WLTM a kind and friendly male to share life with. Box 442215 **T**

### AFFECTIONATE,

Divorced female, 45, slim, petite, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, GSOS, likes walks, cinema, eating, swimming, travelling, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 426682 **T**

### READ ALL ABOUT IT

Petite, sincere woman, 44, wavy blonde hair, blue eyes, size 10, single mom, enjoys walks, cinema, eating, swimming, dancing, WLTM N/S man to share things with. Box 422343 **T**

### LOVE IS AN OPTION...

Loving caring lady, 45, blonde hair, 5ft4, average build, loves a laugh, football, going out, country trips, seeking friends and hopeful partner for loving companionship. Box 442343 **T**

### CARING

Loving caring lady, 45, blonde hair, 5ft4, average build, loves a laugh, football, going out, country trips, seeking friends and hopeful partner for loving companionship. Box 442343 **T**

### IT'S WHAT YOU MAKE OF IT!

44yr old female, blonde hair, 5ft5, slim, easygoing, enjoys many things in life, looking for someone similar out there to enjoy life with! Box 436810 **T**

### ALL THIS AND MORE

Attractive female, 45, slim-medium build, 5ft5, big brown eyes, brown hair, caring, honest, seeking WLTM a similar lady for a relationship, pref. N/S. Box 424205 **T**

### FANCY A DRINK?

Divorced female, 47, 5ft4, curvy, enjoys eating out, WLTM a nice and gentle male, non-smoker, 43-53, with a GSOH for a relationship. Box 442303 **T**

### HAPPY DAYS

happy go lucky lady, 44, 5'2", blue eyes/blonde, medium build enjoys cuddles, socialising, animals, seeks honest, trusting, affectionate male 40-50 GSOH to share happy times. Box 175443 **T**

### HUNK SOUGHT

Marie, 48, blonde, medium build, likes 4x4s, the gym, quad-biking, a glass of wine, cinema, rugby/soccer/cricket. WLTM someone sincere youngish guy for friendship/companionship and who knows. Box 898117 **T**

### LIFE IS FOR LIVING!

Genuine, outgoing single mum, 48, enjoys swimming, the outdoors and travelling, WLTM male to travel and enjoy life with. Take the plunge! Box 891101 **T**

### TOGETHER, FOREVER?

Caring person with GSOH, 48, would like to share my life with someone nice, who enjoys romantic walks, meals and wants to find love. Box 889783 **T**

### BE MY FRIEND & LOVER

Bubbly, caring lady, 47, divorced, with 2 teenagers, dark hair, medium build, into cooking, driving, love to talk, laugh and have fun, seeking a normal guy. Box 425952 **T**

### LOTS OF LOVE TO GIVE

Bubbly, voluptuous, very warm-hearted, tactile woman, 49, looking for that special someone to share cuddles, romantic evening in/out and possibly relationship. Box 442445 **T**

### LOVING AND GENUINE

Female, early 60s, tall, slim, modern, young & thinking & adaptable to people, own house, loves animals, walking & eating out. Box 440502 **T**

### THE GOLDEN YEARS

Blonde female 52yr old, divorced, enjoys 60s music, walks, meals and trips to the seaside, WLTM a male, 56-64, for a loving companion. Box 738 788. Enter P2P as subject. MMS - normal network charges apply.

### IT'S WRITTEN IN THE STARS

Sincere, 36 yr old, male, engaged, seeks Miss Right, 30-40, for friendship/romance. Box 73954 **T**

### R.U.4.ME?

Down-to-earth, loyal guy, 36, looking for companionship, leading to a long-term relationship. Enjoys meals out, good company, conversation, cosy evenings in. Box 914917 **T**

### H.I. LADIES

I'm 38, 5ft11, average build, like pubs, restaurants, cinema, quiet nights in with chocs and DVDs, seeking kind, caring female with GSOH, for honest relationship. Box 442056 **T**

### TLC ON OFFER

Darren, 39, fun loving, genuine, 5ft8, medium build, average build, smoker, WLTM a female soulmate, 25-45, for a LTR, no time wasters please. Box 442438 **T**

### WORKAHOLIC SEEKS COUNTRY GIRL

I'm 40, down to earth, reliable, honest, like keeping fit, going out, meals out, watching movies, seeking similar lady for lasting love & happiness. Box 889445 **T**

### CRAZY, CRAZY NIGHTS

Attractive, medium-build female, 23, 5ft3, blue eyes, enjoys crazy nights out and cosy nights in. WLTM female, 25-30, for friendship, perhaps relationship. Brighton. Box 441718 **T**

### CANDLELIT CUDDLES!

40-year-old gay woman, likes nice wine, candlelight, the sea, passionate people and places, muddy walks and cosy nights in. WLTM lady for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530 **TP**

### SIMON SAYS...

Caring male dad, 41, 5ft10", average build, young-looking, WLTM lady for friendship evenings out, maybe more. Recently quit smoking! E Sussex. Box 963530 **TP**

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## CHAT

### DO WE FIT TOGETHER?

Frank, 41, a carpenter, 6ft1, very down2earth, medium build, nervous! Seeking a female for friendship, maybe something more with the right person. Box 439853 **T**

### BRING BACK LOVE

I'm Nick, 41, 5ft11, enjoy cinema, eating out, pub, WLTM similar brown-haired female for good times and lots of fun, perhaps love. Box 440769 **T**

### JUST WANTING LOVE

Good looking single dad, 28, 6ft, slim, GSOH, reliable and easygoing, looking for my princess for fun, friendship and more. Box 442053 **T**

### DOWN TO MARGATE!

Youth-looking, slim, 5ft10, not fat! lots of tattoos, blue eyes, shaved head, seeking a female 20-50 to start again and find love with. Box 442053 **T**

### IN SOCIABLE SORT

Outgoing 55yr old male, enjoys gardening, walks, cinema and reading, WLTM a female similar for love and romance. Box 442446 **T**

### IN GOOD COMPANY

61yr old male, 5ft8, dark hair (grey-ing), nice, looking, loves music, seeking someone for friendship and more hopefully if things work out. Eastbourne. Box 440404 **T**

### ATTRACTIVE

Kind, considerate, active, intelligent male, 62, likes walking, travelling, eating out & cosy nights in, WLTM that special lady for lasting happiness. Tunbridge Wells Box 442441

### ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY

Creating a home in Tunbridge Wells, 62, young in heart/mind, working, minimalist, intelligent, romantic, New Age, socialist, green, enjoys nights out, enjoys sport, seeks kindred spirit for mutual TLC. Box 869593 **T**

### PERFECT MATCH

Active male, 66 years old, looking to meet down-to-earth lady, 50-65, to share interests, friendship, maybe more. Box 416043 **T**

### DOVER SOUL

Easygoing, fun, 68yr old widower, GSOH, looking for a nice, bubbly female to share outings and maybe more together. Dover. Box 414847 **T**

### SONG OUT LOUD

Leeches, 26, 5ft6, dark hair, like music, dancing, going to nightclubs, singing, likes parks! seeking slimish lady 30-45 for possible relationship... Box 439919 **T**

### SMILES ON FACES

Kind male, 5ft11, slim, NS, two boys (19 and 16), likes eating out, visiting London, weekends! Looking for kind, caring lady. Looks not important. Box 425306 **T**

### SIMPLE ENOUGH

Outgoing person, 51, who likes meeting new people and spending time with family and friends seeks girlfriend. Box 889402 **T**

### ROMANTIC AT HEART

Blonde female 52yr old, divorced, enjoys 60s music, walks, meals and trips to the seaside, WLTM a female

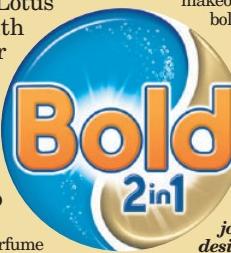
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## TALK TIME

### PAUL WILKINSON

The director of the Kent Field School of Archaeology tells Yourswale about his work in the field and his connection to a certain Lonely Hearts Club Band



#### Can you tell us a little about yourself and the school?

The school has now been running for ten years, has more than 700 members and is based in a wonderful converted east house just outside Faversham. We aim to bring the opportunity of participating in archaeology to the general public and in this we have been very successful. Each year we focus on a site under threat of destruction and excavate it to the highest standards.

Our work has been recognised by some as the most important amateur work taking place in Kent today, we have even had Time Team making a programme about our work at Syndale Park.

#### Have you explored or made any interesting discoveries in the local area recently?

This May I took archaeological students and members of the KAFS to a farm west of Faversham, adjacent to Watling Street, to investigate the probable site of a Roman villa found by field-walking and test-pitting. Our first evaluation trench exposed a cornucopia of archaeological features which included the base of a large corn mill, a sunken road, Anglo-Saxon buildings and the remains of a massive stone-built Roman bath house.

#### Can you tell us something that people don't tend to know about you?

I came late to archaeology and in another life I was a graphic designer - so next time you look at the cover of the Beatles' Sergeant Pepper album, you will see I designed it!

## YOUR LETTERS



### Outrageous that we are still paying toll

Having just read Yourswale, I was flabbergasted by the story about cash from the Dartford crossing.

Just how can it be justified that the cash from this infernal toll can now not go to the benefit of Kent road users? What drives me round the bend is that the toll was supposed to be ditched after it finished paying for itself. Yet we continue to cough up. It simply is not fair.

R Foster,  
by email



### Festival signs are a roadside menace

I enjoyed your blogger article about the pitfalls and perks of taking in festivals (Lavatorial issues are the bottom line this summer, Yourswale, July 16).

Crucially, I thought it hit the



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roundabouts and road signs advertising them. Not only are they unsightly, but surely they must present a safety issue if drivers are too busy reading them and not keeping their eyes on the road?

Same goes with those great big signs for various events. In particular there is one on the Faversham to Ashford road, a route that, given the number of crashes and near misses, requires motorists to stay fully focused on the road at all times.

Mrs G Cross,  
Faversham



### Nonplussed by fuss over County Show

Am I the only one left completely cold by the Kent County Show?

When I read your coverage last week, all I could think of was how could anyone find dancing JCBs in anyway entertaining. And as for displays of livestock, looking out of your window when you drive anywhere normally reveals as many sheep and cows as you could want.

Or am I alone in feeling that?

K Polten,  
by email

### Fantastic display of Kent's best qualities

I would like to say thank you to the organisers of this year's County Show through the pages

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nail on the head when it came to the number of festivals being held in the county this year.

But surely the biggest issue is the number of advertising hoardings strapped to

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of your newspaper. We attended the Friday, so missed the worst of the traffic jams, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The organisation was excellent, the atmosphere warm and friendly and some of the things on show truly fascinating. Well done to everyone – and roll on next summer.

Mrs G Ogley,  
Faversham

## Pubs are much nicer without the toxic fug

Just to echo one of your letter writers last week, I have found my social life transformed since the introduction of the smoking ban last year.

My friends and I (one of whom is asthmatic) would often simply go to each other's homes for a night as we were put off by the smoke which hung so heavily in pubs.

Now we can go out and enjoy ourselves without worrying about the quality of air we are breathing.

While I am sure some pubs have seen a drop in trade, I am sure there must be many like myself who are now returning since the smog has cleared.

Ann Swanson,  
by email

## Help a Heart support was magnificent

I am writing to thank all your readers who helped to make the British Heart Foundation's Help a Heart campaign a success in June. So many people supported the

campaign by digging deep and donating to our UK-wide house-to-house collections, buying a heart button from their local BHF shop or raising funds in their own way, that we are well on our way to raising our target of £1.5 million.

We are also extremely thankful to those people who gave their time for free, by volunteering to distribute and gather collection envelopes or helping out with events and other fundraising activities.

The money your community raised throughout the Help a Heart campaign will help the BHF continue to fund vital heart research to save and improve lives. It is only with your support that we can beat heart disease together.

If people would still like to donate to the campaign, they can visit [bhf.org.uk/helpaheart](http://bhf.org.uk/helpaheart) or call 01892 890002.

Kim Brophy,  
BHF volunteer  
fundraising manager

## Why shouldn't MPs pay their own way?

MPs and MEPs abuse their position and make us poor in order to get fully furnished second homes and other jollies at our expense.

It is time they paid for their own comfort. I heard Ann Widdecombe, the Conservative MP for Maidstone and the Weald, on the radio saying that people do not expect MPs to live in unfurnished bedsits in outer suburbs.

But why not let them live in less salubrious conditions, to remind them what the rest of the

population has to put up with?

From my experience, many politicians are insensitive and manipulative – it goes with the territory.

We can choose estate agents, change banks and avoid dodgy garages, but how can we dump MPs who disgrace themselves?

I can't stand a Government that congratulates itself on failure and rewards its friends out of our purses.

There is no excuse for tripling employees in the public sector, where top henchmen award themselves sky-high salaries and golden parachutes out of public funds.

Now we face stagflation on top of hurtful taxation, and a punitive Government rife with incompetence and maladministration which divides and rules, just as the robber barons did.

Can we protect ourselves from a Government intent on gobbling up our cash and taking away our hard-earned entitlement to affordable living?

What have useless regulators who protect wrong-doers, Government advisers or quango kings and queens done for us?

They pontificate as if they are infallible, but live off our backs, not on the meagre residue of average earners after Government deductions.

Rita Grootendorst,  
by email



OPINION: Kent MP

Ann Widdecombe

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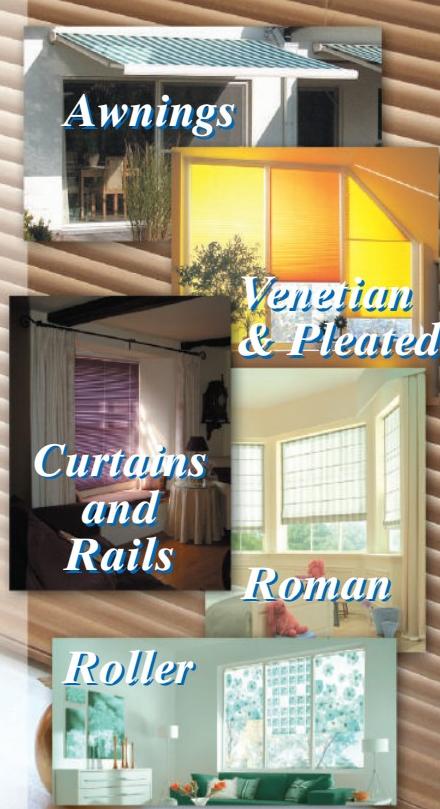
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# Family tough it to the top



HOT ACT: The Cherryholmes and Elizabeth Cook (inset) perform bluegrass and country at the Zebra Bar

FROM dodging bullets to scoring hits, the Cherryholmes family have truly triumphed over adversity.

This unlikely-looking group are one of the hottest acts on the American bluegrass scene, blowing audiences away with their talent.

Their first album to be released on a record label reached number three in the Billboard bluegrass chart and earned them a Grammy nomination, but just nine years ago half their members had never even picked up an instrument.

It was a terrible tragedy which prompted parents Jere and Sandy Lee to bring music into the family's lives.

In 1999 their oldest daughter Shelly died from chronic heart problems, aged just 20.

It was a dreadful time, not helped by the fact that the family were living in a tough Los Angeles neighbourhood.

The children frequently had to do their homework while crouched between their beds because of the threat of drive-by shootings, so a trip to a bluegrass festival provided the chance briefly to escape their prob-

lems and their grief. It was their first exposure to a genre which seemed completely alien, given their background, but the experience inspired Jere and Sandy to incorporate music in their children's home schooling.

It became a core part of their studies, which then developed into hours of playing together every night.

The children were aged between six and 15 at the time, but less than six months later the family were performing professionally.

Eldest daughter Cia Leigh began learning the guitar at the age of 15 but switched to the banjo, which she plays with outstanding power, and she is also a gifted singer.

Her brother BJ picked up a fiddle for the first time at 11 and is compared to some of the finest fiddlers in the business.

Skip is an excellent guitar picker with an aggressive rhythm style and left-handed Molly Kate plays fiddle, sings and writes songs to an astonishing level. Jere plays upright bass and sings, while Sandy Lee's mandolin, banjo and yodelling are real crowd pleasers.

The family spend about 300 days a year on the road, bunking in the bus and sharing passenger duty as Jere

drives through the night.

They self-released three albums before being signed to Skaggs Family Records and have toured internationally, as well as being regulars at the historic Grand Ole Opry in Nashville.

They will be stopping off in Maidstone on their way to headline the Cambridge Folk Festival.

Cherryholmes will be joined on the bill by Elizabeth Cook, who is described as "a bona fide country singer". A true traditional singer in the style of Loretta Lynn or Connie Smith, she appeared at the Grand Ole Opry more than 100 times before releasing her acclaimed debut album, Hey Y'All.

She is a talented singer, having co-written nine of the 11 tracks on her latest album Balls – including the brash anthem Sometimes It Takes Balls To Be A Woman.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £14 in advance or £16 on the door. To book, phone 01622 744481.

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The Hazlitt Theatre and Changeling present the tale in the open air, choosing some of Kent's most attractive settings. The performances at Belmont House are part of Kent-wide tour giving audiences a chance to enjoy the Bard's words in beautiful locations.

Shakespeare's captivating play tells a complex story of fairies, love potions, misunderstandings and true love.

Three interlocking plots combine as couples elope, quarrel and fall unexpectedly in love in the magical woodlands of Athens. Follow the adventures of Hermia and Lysander, Helena and Demetrius, Oberon and Titania, as they attempt to live happily ever after.

It is recommended that audiences should take their own comfortable seating. Some people will be invited to sit inside the performance circle and play with the fairies.

Performances start at 7.30pm both days with a 3pm matinee on Saturday. Tickets are priced from £10. To book call 01622 758611 or go online at [www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk](http://www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk).



### THE ROYAL BACCARAT SCANDAL

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found himself being called as a court witness in a defamation case.

The play re-enacts the Victorian scandal and tries to solve the mystery of whether Sir William really did cheat or if he was falsely accused by a jealous husband.

Tuesday's performance will be in aid of the Lady Mayors of Canterbury's local charities. The performances on August 1 and 2 are followed by the Epilogue, a short musical revue.

Tickets are priced from £8 to £15. To book call the box office on 01227 769075 or visit the website at [www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk](http://www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk).

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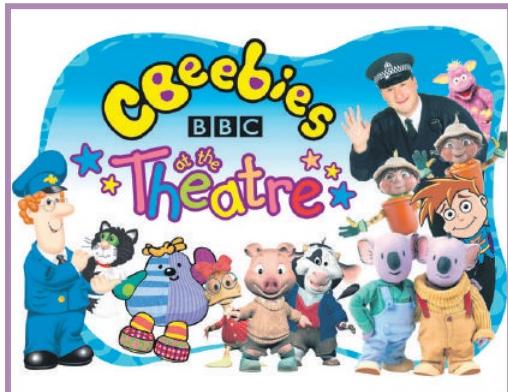


FAVOURITE characters from children's television will be bringing fun and frolics to the stage next week.

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As well as being a lot of fun, the show also has a serious message and a chance for children to learn about the importance of protecting the planet. Discover how many of the things we throw away every day can be recycled and given a new lease on life.

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### Superheroes will get in free at Farming World

SAVE the world and gain free entry to Farming World at Boughton during the attraction's Superheroes Week.

Running from Monday to Friday, August 1, the week feature games, face painting and the 'design a superhero' competition. There will be daily visits from Spiderman and a Power Ranger between 2pm and 4pm.

Anyone dressed as a superhero will get free entry to the farm on that day. To find out more visit [www.farming-world.com](http://www.farming-world.com) or call 01227 751144.

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### Folk club rediscovers sounds of the past

THE Chimney Boy in Preston Street will be transported back in time when Capriole visit Faversham Folk Club.

Singing songs from the 14th to 17th centuries, the group dress as men and women of the court and bring ancient tunes back to life.

The gig starts at 8.30pm on Wednesday, July 30. Tickets cost £5 for club members and £6 for non-members.

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# Magnificent seven are ready to rock all day

BY JAMES ALEXANDRE

FROM ska to screamo, the eclectic line-up of this year's Don8tion all-dayer brings together seven of the best bands Kent has to offer.

The popular charity event, now in its fourth year, is held each summer at the Wyvern Hall in Sittingbourne, a 500-capacity venue with the space for bands and fans to really let rip.

This year's concert – organised to raise money for Demelza children's hospice – is headed by Folkestone's superlative ska/punk outfit, Battleska Galactica.

The eight-piece are fresh from a successful slot at the ill-fated Zoo8 festival, packing the marquee when they performed on the Friday.

They already have several critically acclaimed releases, including 2005's Songs from the Crypt, and a new album, If Found Please Return To ... will be on sale later this year.

Preceding Battleska are Medway rockers Saturday Superhouse, who wowed the audience at last year's Doma8ion with their highly polished set. Energetic punk band Los Salvadores will also be bringing their impressive sound to the stage, as well as Sheppey screamo band The Rodeo Plan, and Maidstone indie kids Directions.

Opening the night are No Room For Growth, a young and talented Sittingbourne ska band. They will be followed by Sheppey hard rock



**INTO BATTLE:** Guitarist Stewart Cork performing with Battleska Galactica. Also on the Don8tion bill are Los Salvadores, left, and five other top Kent bands



line-up is the best we've ever had. Every band on there was picked because they put on a great show and have worked hard to build a following.

"And everyone – including Vic Wintergreen from DefZone who is doing the sound – has agreed to do it for free, so we can give more money than ever to Demelza."

## don8tion

Jade said: "This is going to be an amazing gig. It's such a strong line-up."

Last year's concert raised nearly £500 for Demelza. Don8tion will be at the Wyvern Hall, Central Avenue, Sittingbourne, on Friday, August 8. Doors open at 7pm. Tickets are £4 and are available from any of the bands or on the door. You can donate online at [www.justgiving.co.uk/don8tion](http://www.justgiving.co.uk/don8tion).

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MEET DAVE (PG)



Dave Ming Chang (Eddie Murphy), newly arrived in New York City, may be the ultimate fish out of water. There's something about him that's not quite right – for starters, he seems remarkably out of place and uncomfortable in his own body. And for good reason: 'Dave' is not a man at all, but a ship made in the image of its miniature-sized captain.

DONKEY PUNCH (18)



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# No more action man

■ BY ELLIE GENOWER

WHEN Jackie Chan first heard about the fantastical concept of his new movie *The Forbidden Kingdom*, he certainly had his doubts.

"I would never make this kind of film," he says, smiling. "For me, these kinds of films are ridiculous. It doesn't make sense. But the American audience, I think, is interested. So every time I make an American film, I trust the American writer and the American director."

The film sees New York young kung fu fan Jason Triptikas (Michael Angarano) magically thrust into ancient China where he befriends wise kung fu master Lu Yan (Jackie Chan) and a warrior played by Jet Li. They team up to free the Monkey King, who has been imprisoned by the powerful Jade War Lord.

Jackie, who shot much of the movie on location in China, says: "This is just like a fantasy – a fairytale, but I made this movie because I know American culture and American people like it."

Despite Chan's initial reservations, he couldn't resist the chance to work with another famous Chinese movie fighter – Jet Li – either.

After years of trying to team up on film, Lee had almost given up on the idea of working with him by the time *Forbidden Kingdom* came along.

"I have always hoped to make movies with some people I really admire, like Dustin Hoffman and Robert De Niro, before I retire from this business," he says.

"Jet Li is someone whom I have wanted to work for more than ten years. Every time I see Jet we say, 'Let's do it!' This time it happened



GETTING HARDER: Jackie Chan says he wants to be a serious actor before he retires

because Casey [Silver] the producer was in the middle. Every ten days he would call and tell me Jet Li was happy with the script, before sending it to me.

"He was the one flying back and forth making the whole thing happen."

But far from being a battle of the egos between two movie martial arts legends, Lee says coordi-

nating fight scenes with Li felt comfortable.

"After the first cut, the director comes up and says 'Can you guys slow down?'" Lee says with a laugh.

"I want to show off quick and he wants to show off quick, but then we slowed down. It was fun. Fighting with him is very comfortable. I've fought so many different actors who just don't know

how to fight. It makes you hurt and it doesn't look good. And I think because I'm good, it makes him comfortable!"

However, Li is, at 45, almost ten years younger than Chan at 54. As the energetic and animated star grows older, it inevitably becomes harder to perform the big kung-fu stunts, he did so effortlessly on film at a younger age.

Hence one of the reasons Chan is trying to make the transition from kung fu movie star to serious actor.

"I think for the last six or five years, I've changed my style," he says, earnestly. "Right after the *Forbidden Kingdom*, I finished a movie called *The Shinjuku Incident*. It's maybe one per cent action. Heavy drama. The next one will be big action, then maybe a love story.

"I want to change. I want to be a real actor and not just an action star. An action star's film life is very short. Jackie Chan is a myth and I'm in survival right now."

"It's been more than 30 years, but how much longer can I keep fighting? This is why I have to change, change, change. I'm not like I used to be – I'm tired."

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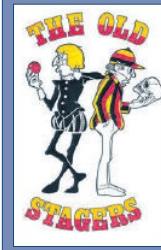
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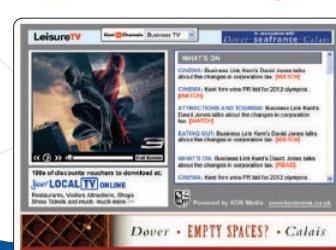
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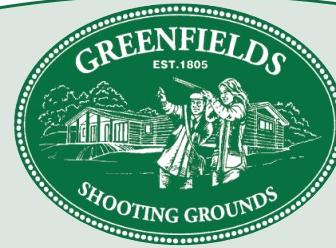
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■ BY TOM BETTS

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Although that's not an official figure, may I add.

When the technology has moved on so much that what's on your screen is almost a better than reality (I swear real life doesn't look this sharp!) I somehow expected the quality of what appears on the magic box to move ever upward too.

But still, while the crystal-clear images flood into our rooms we still have to endure the likes of Snog, Marry, Avoid? and Titty Titty Bang Bang.

Take Bonekickers, the BBC's latest effort at intrigue and mystery.

It looked like a belter on the trailers, but is so bad it actually makes me want to go out and do some of those hobby things that people keep yammering on about.

Here is a show seemingly cobbled together behind the bike sheds by a bunch of sixth formers during school break.

The producers were clearly aiming at a cross between Spooks and CSI with a wee hint of Indiana Jones thrown in for good measure, yet it comes across more like Time Team meets The Bill.

It's in the middle of a six episode run and I'll bet my remote control there won't be a second.

Around 6.8 million of you joined me for the first episode, so at least I can find some solace in the fact that I'm not alone in my suffering, but a huge



**TASTY:** Ching-He Huang is cooking up quite a stir on BBC Two with Chinese Food Made Easy

share of that number had jumped ship by episode two.

If this is the best we have to look forward to this summer then could be time to say "balls to the credit crunch, I'm off on holiday!"

There is a new woman in my life, who I would dearly love to accompany on what I have christened the 2008 Bonekicker Avoidance Tour.

The name of the object of my affection is Ching-He Huang, beautiful, intelligent and able to whip up a mean egg foo yong.

Wok more could a man want?

I had promised myself I'd not waste any more time watching cookery shows (a strange addiction I have), especially as none of it ever translates to my own kitchen, but one look at Ching-He and that promise bit the dust faster than you could say year of the loser.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



### AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

DOING a job all by yourself isn't realistic. Call on the help of your colleagues. Acting like you don't need anyone else will alienate you from the group. It's important to consider the needs of a business or romantic partner. Letting this person wait on you will be a welcome change of pace.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762

### TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

DON'T convince you know more about a subject than you really do. It's better to hire a professional than attempt a complicated job yourself. A good friend could take you on a short trip. The two of you are opposites in many ways, which makes for good travelling companions.

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### LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

Daydreaming could undermine your job performance. It's important to check your work before submitting it or you could miss some embarrassing mistakes. Your star power will be especially strong, making this a great time to go on job interviews, auditions and first dates.

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### SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

FOLLOWING the rules is overrated. Allow yourself a measure of freedom when tackling a big project. You could develop some exciting techniques by just playing around. You're about to assume a more public profile at work. People respond to your warmth and generosity.

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### PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

FORCING a friend to live up to an old promise will only torment them. Relax your standards and leave your pal free to have a good time. You may have to do more than your fair share of work, but it will be strangely gratifying. It feels good to have an outlet for your restless energy.

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### GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

YOU may think you've got more money than you actually have. Review your budget carefully before buying something extravagant. Urgent messages could come pouring in this week. Check your mobile regularly or you could miss an important call. A job will involve unusual duties.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Gemini** 09067-531754

### VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

YOU may not realise what a friend really needs to thrive. If this person is intent on taking a risk, don't stand in their way. If you're not in a relationship, you could meet someone special at a party or social occasion. Keep your eyes open for an offbeat philanthropist.

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### SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

PUTTING too much emphasis on material things is getting in the way of a close relationship. You can't put a price on love. Encourage somebody to take a chance. You're too adventurous to cling to security for very long. A strange living arrangement works well for you.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Sagittarius** 09067-531760

### LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

TRYING to give orders to relatives will be as successful as herding a crowd of cats. It simply can't be done. Let everybody do their own thing for a change. It will save you lots of aggravation. Besides, you have better things to do with your time. You can't afford to let them down.

To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758

### CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

DON'T overanalyse a relationship. There are some gifts in life you just need to accept with open arms and a thankful heart. Your sex appeal is red hot. You could meet someone special. You're especially drawn to quiet, nurturing types, but you may have to do all the running.

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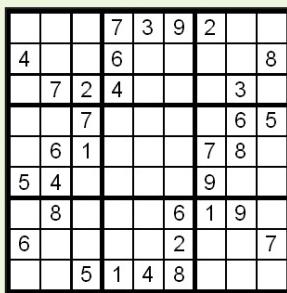
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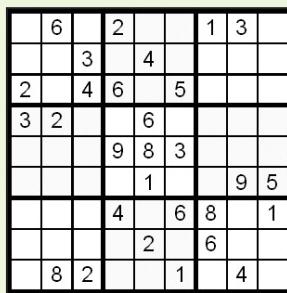
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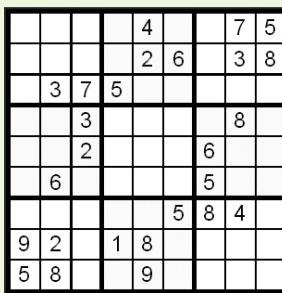
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### CRYPTIC CLUES

**ACROSS**

1 What is carried in here may be documented (7-4)  
9 A maxim that is unprincipled (6)

10 Spoil important-sounding tent (7)

12 Highfliers chewing raw rice (7)

14 Vainest sort who's most ingenuous (7)

15 Haggard mineowner (4,7)

16 For each of the shoppers included (3)

17 Born to one expecting inside (3)

19 Pointer on hand (5-6)

22 Yellow jeans I'm splashing (7)

23 Different layers on Sunday are not shining (7)

24 Young child is untruthful about deliberate understatement (7)

25 Rude fraction? (6)

26 Scholarly Scotsman found in RA (11)

**DOWN**

2 Small monkey had hat dodging rain (7)

3 Luminous atmospheric phenomena transforming our area (7)

4 Man hard on a novice (3)

5 Next crime could include me and machine with revolving drum (6,5)

6 Barns ie custom-built for one from Southern Europe (7)

7 Put up about one French female and start to perform in the band (4,2)

8 Character with journalists printed reading matter (11)

11 Two well-directed in rhyme (4,3,4)

13 We will be adorned wearing stylish clothes (4-7)

18 Hesitates at last character being substitute (6)

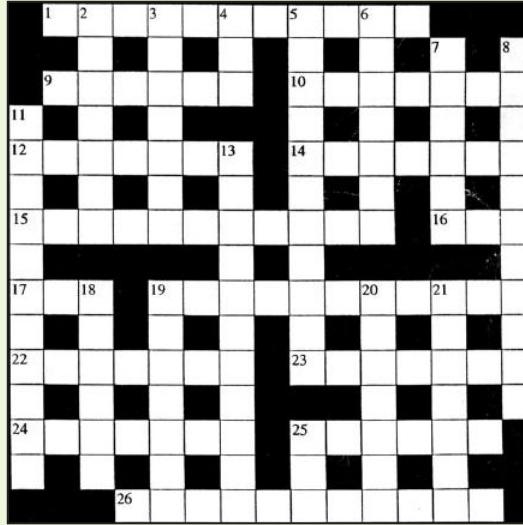
19 I had ten before end of August in charge, that's stupid (7)

20 Poem 99 is heavenly (7)

21 Most of bomb found on a West Indian island (7)

25 Six thousand having vigour (3)

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### QUICK CLUES

**ACROSS**

1 Quarantined (2,9)

9 Sea-cow (6)

10 Japanese ornament (7)

12 Spectrum (7)

14 Imprecise (7)

15 Furry animal (7,4)

16 Longing (3)

17 Auto (3)

19 Stun (11)

22 Specialised in a particular subject (7)

23 To which (7)

24 Mislead (7)

25 Pincers (6)

26 Dimension (11)

**DOWN**

2 Cephalopod molluscs (7)

3 Entertainment industry (7)

4 Limb (3)

5 Painful inflammation in arm (6,5)

6 Exhaust (7)

7 Nauseous (6)

8 Objective (11)

11 Play only partly funny (11)

13 Capriciousness (11)

18 Discard (6)

19 Stealthy (7)

20 Metallic element (Re) (7)

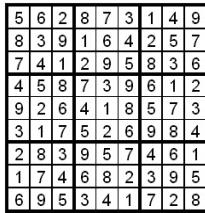
21 Bevan, former MP (7)

25 Rap (anag.) (3)

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

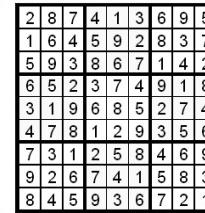
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**HARD**



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### CRYPTIC SOLUTION No45

**ACROSS:** 1 Mixed grill 6 Scud 9 Album 10 Fact 11 Ambo 13 Inconsequential 14 Rebuttal 16 Midget 18 Prozac 19 Careless 22 Discount for cash 24 Ivan 25 Wild 26 Vroom 27 Gilt 28 Jolly Roger. **DOWN:** 1 Meatier 2 Xebec 3 Demonstrator 4 Riflemen 5 Lock-up 7 Commingle 8 Droplet 12 Engine-driver 15 Bookstall 17 Daffodil 18 Padding 20 Schemer 21 Indigo 23 Along.

### QUICK SOLUTION No46

**ACROSS:** 1 Isolation 9 Dugong 10 Neisse 12 Rebuttal 14 Interact 15 Quirky 16 Yell 17 Cer 19 Daffodil 20 Pines 22 Majorized 23 Whetstone 24 Decent 25 Pines 26 Misstatement **DOWN:** 1 Zeta 2 Rebuttal 3 Pines 4 Rebuttal 5 Interact 6 Yell 7 Cer 8 Daffodil 9 Quirky 10 Neisse 11 Zeta 12 Rebuttal 13 Pines 14 Interact 15 Quirky 16 Yell 17 Cer 19 Daffodil 20 Pines 22 Majorized 23 Whetstone 24 Decent 25 Pines 26 Misstatement

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Mortgage deals better with Abbey

A NEW revised fixed rate mortgage deal has been launched by the Abbey.

Those looking to take out mortgages are able to obtain two and three year fixed rates at up to 0.15 per cent less than previously offered.

Abbey's move is the latest in a series of recent changes by leaders in the market as a response to a fall in inter-bank lending costs.

Another company to cut back on rates recently was Woolwich which decreased fixed rates in some cases by up to 0.3 per cent.

Such developments within the property industry have been viewed as a sign that the cost of mortgages is on a small down turn despite the lack of movement in interest rates.

These have been held by the Bank of England in recent moves to stabilise the property market.

Recently forecasters working for the Royal Bank of Scotland predicted that the base rate will remain at five per cent for the rest of this year, with the possibility of movement in the first quarter of next year.

### Agents confident of market turnaround

THE majority of estate agents across the UK are optimistic that house prices will be rising and the market buoyant a year from now.

A survey of the industry conducted by Abbey said that 61 per cent of respondents were confident the downturn would be over in the next 12 months.

And half of those contacted said they expected the time span to be just half that.

Abbey's head of mortgages Phil Cliff said: "Estate agents and homeowners believe that despite current movements in house prices we are unlikely to experience a really prolonged fall."

Predictions such as these help to stabilise a volatile market and increase confidence for both investors and sellers.

They are helped by banks lowering mortgage rates – which has taken place in some sectors of the business in the past few weeks.

In the latest figures available in the market June saw a two per cent fall in house prices – a decrease of the 2.5 per cent recorded for May.



CLEANING UP: The devastation caused by flooding to thousands of properties in recent years could get worse with predictions of more extreme weather conditions

## Flood defence agreed

Insurance and long-term strategies will help protect owners

THE insurance industry and the Government have reached an agreement to ensure householders are able to obtain protection against flooding.

Both bodies have vowed to team up in a bid to protect properties at risk in a complementary way.

In recent years the county has seen serious flooding, particularly along the course of the River Medway.

Fears over global warming have also added to improved sea defences along Romney Marsh.

Other low-lying areas, such as Swale and other areas along the Thames Estuary, as well as Thanet, have also been cited as being at risk from waters.

According to insurers they will assess some

■ BY NICK AMES

properties at risk and the Government has promised to do more to protect housing from destructive waters.

Under the new agreement, insurers will guarantee to provide protection to any property deemed to have a risk of less than one in 75 from flood.

In return, the Government has committed itself to a long-term 25-year strategy to improve flood defences across the UK.

Environment Minister Phil Woolas said: "The insurance companies very reasonably said that it is necessary to have a long-term strategy – 25 years is the figure that we are going ahead with. We are looking at coastal flooding as well as river flooding and surface water flooding to ensure that the increased

investment that we have – and we have increased investment in flood defences quite substantially in this country – is sustained in the long term."

Mr Woolas said the Environment Agency should make use of new powers to block proposed developments at risk of flood and explained insurers were ready to offer improved premiums to householders who protect their homes against the risks.

He added: "What has changed is the climate change predictions the scientists are giving us; that the extreme weather conditions are going to increase in the decades to come. That requires a long-term strategy."

"It is something we have been negotiating with the insurance industry in some detail. They, quite understandably, want to have assurances that homes are protected and we, quite understandably, want to do that in any event."

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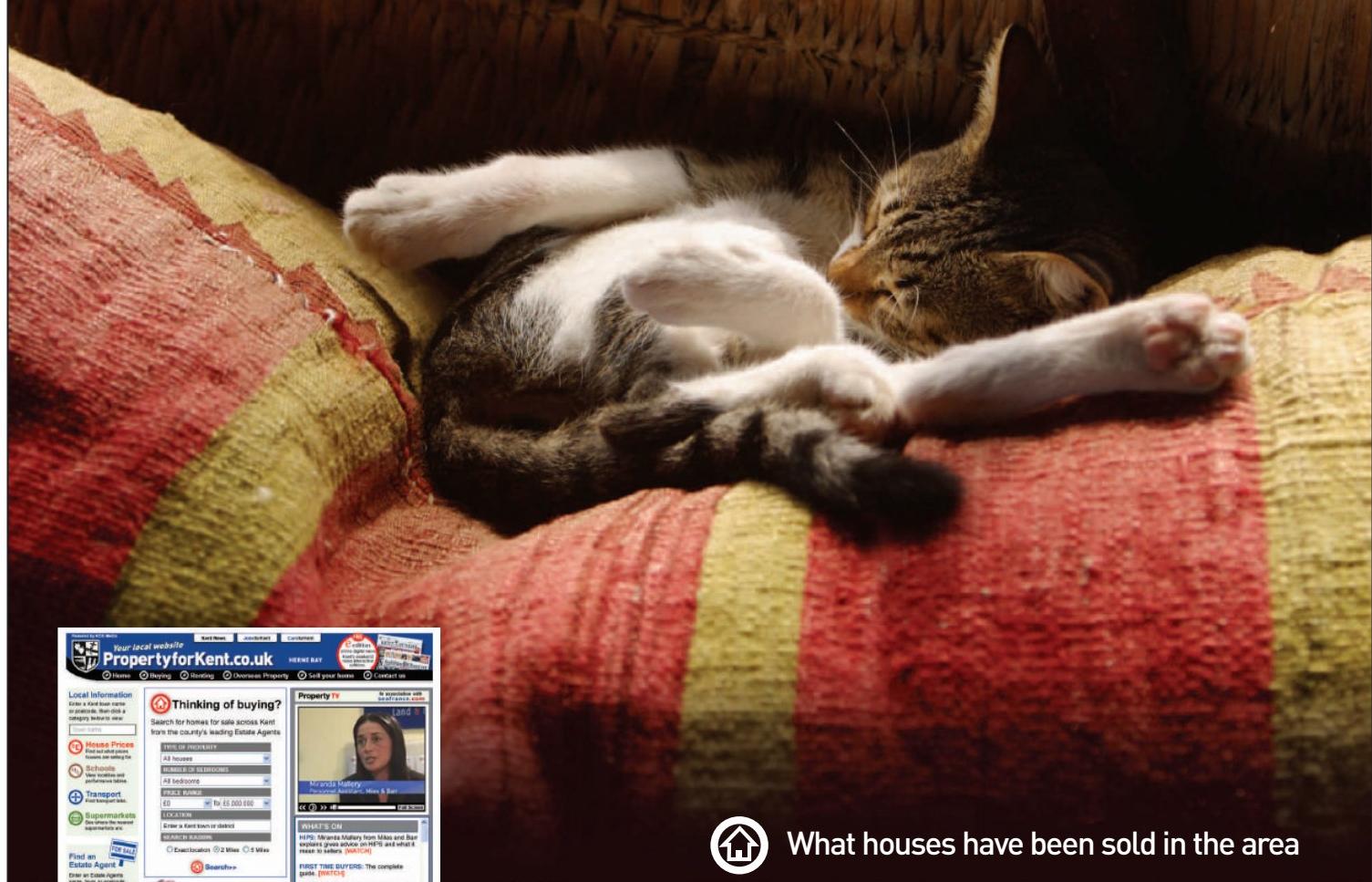
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## MOTORS NEWS



### Car show turned on by the power of electricity

DOORS open at the British International Motor Show in London today – the greenest show ever.

The event at the Excel centre runs until August 3 and includes 23 global debuts for new models.

But eco-friendly models like the all-electric zero-emission TH!NK city car (above) are also grabbing the limelight: the TH!NK offers a top speed of 65mph, range of 126 miles on a full charge, costs just £100 in electricity to cover 10,000 miles, needs no road tax and is 95 per cent recyclable.



### Beamer is going more eco-friendly than ever

BMW's newly-revised 3-Series saloon, coupé, estate and convertible range is not only one of Britain's best-sellers in its class, but also one of the most eco.

Though you will be lucky to spot the makeover cosmetics, the line-up now boasts a greener engine range as well as 'EfficientDynamics' technology introduced previously to cut fuel waste and emissions.

Indeed, emissions are now so low on the economical 318d and top selling 320d diesel models that they almost qualify for the lowest £35/year road tax bracket.



### Mitsubishi launch 'mini miser' special edition

ALREADY one of the best superminis for space, durability and value, the Mitsubishi Colt has a new Attivo special edition specifically for motorists looking to downsize from a bigger car.

It comes with sporty alloys and metallic paint plus competitive finance, but a frugal (51.4 mpg combined mode) yet pokey 74bhp 1.1-litre engine that partially justifies its 'Attivo' tag – it means 'energetic' and 'lively' in Italian.

The Attivo is priced at £7,999 for the three-door and £8,499 for the five-door.



THE BEST OF BOTH WORLDS: Volkswagen has hedged its bets by launching two Tiguan: an everyday model and the harder 'Escape' intended for genuine off-roading

# Slick Tiguan answering a need for greener 4x4s

OVERALL demand for 4x4s might be in the muck, but some are still squeaky clean.

The VW Tiguan is one that ticks most boxes for a modern-day SUV (sports utility vehicle): compact footprint, top-notch engines, excellent on-road ability and decent off-road powers too.

And VW hedged its bets by launching two Tiguan: an everyday model and the 'Escape' intended to allow owners to do just that.

It puts most other compact 'soft-rovers' in their place when the going gets tough, with a shorter front overhang – that improves the styling in my opinion – radiator and sump guards, plus a standard-fit 'off-road' mode that optimises hill descent control and other driver/mechanical aids.

But 'long nose' rather than Escape version claim 95 per cent of Tiguan sales and usually in 2.0-litre diesel mid-range SE trim (£21,770 for 138bhp version) as tested here, though high diesel fuel prices make a strong case for the so-called 'twin charger' Tiguan, featuring a lightweight 148bhp 1.4-litre petrol engine with supercharger and turbocharger, allowing decent economy plus diesel style pulling power

## ROAD TEST VW TIGUAN

■ BY STEVE LOADER

### STAR QUALITY

|                |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Driving appeal | ★★★★★ |
| Image          | ★★★★★ |
| Space          | ★★★★★ |
| Value          | ★★★★★ |
| Running costs  | ★★★★★ |
| Reliability    | ★★★★★ |
| Green rating   | ★★★★★ |

and low emissions. It certainly makes the Tiguan feel nimble and knocks around £1,000 off prices for diesel equivalents.

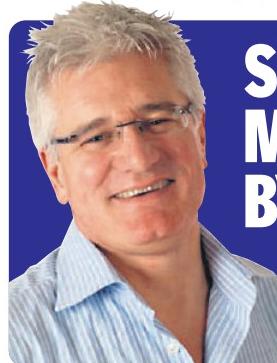
Nevertheless, the 2.0-litre diesel is the consummate all-rounder: smooth, refined and powerful.

The Tiguan interior is typical VW, mixing robust quality, good ergonomics and stowage and fine seating. Space engineering is excellent so, despite being roughly the same size as key competitors, the car feels more spacious and has a decent boot plus lift-up tailgate and room for a spare wheel.

The car has a maximum five-star rating for occupant protection by Euro NCAP, plus four stars for child safety and two stars for pedestrian protection.

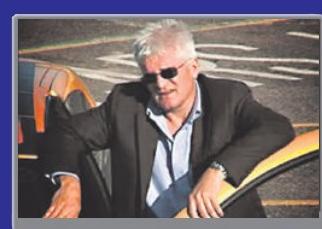
The Tiguan is also one of the best 'drives' in class. The ride is firmish, but the chassis ensures that a relatively high vehicle corners with a flat stance. With the low down pulling power of the test car's 2.0-litre diesel, the Tiguan can be pushed hard on a challenging road, aided by a precise six-speed gearbox allowing steady and quiet motorway cruising too.

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| Based on mileage of   | 12,000 per year                          | 12,000 per year                         |
| Average fuel economy<br>Imperial Combined (Metric Combined) | 36 mpg (7.8L/100km)                      | 62.8 mpg (4.5L/100km)                   |
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|   | PRICE   | ANNUAL SAVING |
|---|---------|---------------|
| 2005 (55) FOCUS 1.6 115PS ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Moondust Silver, Air Conditioning, 20,000 miles  | £8,905  | £407          |
| 2007 (57) FIESTA 1.4 STYLE CLIMATE 5 DOOR Moondust Silver, Air Conditioning, Heated Front Screen, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles                       | £7,295  | £472          |
| 2007 (57) FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Tonic Metallic, Allow Wheels, Fuel Computer, 1 Owner, 8,500 miles                                   | £7,995  | £472          |
| 2007 (57) FIESTA 1.4TDCi ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Moondust Silver, Air Conditioning, Fuel Computer, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles                         | £8,890  | £1,039        |
| 2006 (56) FIESTA 1.4TDCi ZETEC CLIMATE 3 DOOR Panther Black, Air Conditioning, 1 Owner, 31,000 miles  | £8,905  | £1,039        |
| 2007 (07) FIESTA 1.4 ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Moondust Silver, Air Conditioning, Auto Lights/Wipers, Power Folding Mirrors, 1 Owner, 16,000 miles | £7,995  | £472          |
| 2007 (57) FOCUS 2.0TDCi TITANIUM 5 DOOR Ocean Blue, Aircon, Auto lights/Wipers, Privacy Glass, 1 Owner, 5,000 miles                           | £14,995 | £697          |
| 2007 (07) S-MAX 2.0TDCi TITANIUM 7 SEATER Stardust Silver, Cruise Control, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles  | £16,740 | £412          |
| 2007 (57) S-MAX 2.0TDCi TITANIUM DVD NAV 7 SEATER Stardust Silver, DVD Navigation, Convers+, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles                            | £17,495 | £412          |
| 2007 (07) S-MAX 2.0TDCi ZETEC 7 SEATER Ink Blue, Air Conditioning, Climate Control, 1 Owner, 14,000 miles                                     | £14,995 | £412          |
| 2007 (07) S-MAX 2.0TDCi TITANIUM 7 SEATER Panther Black, 18" Alloy Wheels, Partial Leather, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles                             | £17,795 | £412          |
| 2007 (07) GALAXY 1.8TDCi ZETEC 7 SEATER Tonic Metallic, Climate Control, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles  | £14,990 | £438          |

\*Annual Saving is calculated against the average 2004 vehicle as per our example.

Figures are taken from official fuel consumption combined figures and current VED tables.

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| 2007 (07) FIESTA 2.0 ST 3 DOOR Performance Blue, Technology Pack, Privacy Glass, Side Stripes, 1 Owner, 10,000 miles                | £8,995  |
| 2007 (07) FIESTA 2.0 ST 3 DOOR Performance Blue, 1 Owner, 6,000 miles   | £8,995  |
| 2007 (07) FOCUS 2.5 ST-3 5 DOOR Performance Blue, Climate Control, Global Closing, Visibility Pack, Park Assist, 11,000 miles       | £15,495 |
| 2007 (07) FOCUS 2.5 ST-3 3DOOR Panther Black, Ebony Recaro Leather Trim, 1 Owner, 12,000 miles                                      | £14,995 |
| 2004 (04) STREETKA 1.6 LUXURY CONVERTIBLE Storm Metallic, Black Leather, Air Conditioning, 22,000 miles                             | £5,995  |
| 2005 (05) FIESTA 1.6 GHIA 5 DOOR Tonic, Aircon, CD Player, 20,000 miles   | £8,995  |
| 2006 (06) FOCUS 1.6 100PS GHIA 5 DOOR Panther Black, Leather Trim, Air Conditioning, 1 Owner, 25,000 miles                          | £7,995  |
| 2005 (05) FOCUS 2.0 16V TITANIUM DVD NAV 5 DOOR Sea Grey, Air Conditioning, DVD Sat Nav, 37,000 miles                               | £8,995  |
| 2006 (06) MONDEO 2.0 16V GHIA 5 DOOR Panther Black, Climate Control, 12,500 miles   | £7,995  |
| 2008 (07) FOCUS 1.6 115PS ZETEC CLIMATE 5 DOOR Panther Black, Air Conditioning, 1 Owner, 12,000 Miles                               | £8,995  |
| 2005 (05) FOCUS GHIA 1.6 AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR Tonic, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, 1 Owner, 45,000 miles                            | £8,990  |
| 2005 (05) MONDEO 2.0 16V LX AUTOMATIC 5 DOOR Honour Green Metallic, Air Conditioning, Cruise Control, 26,000 miles                  | £5,995  |
| 2007 (07) GALAXY 2.0TDCi GHIA 7 SEATER White Grape, Climate Control, 1 Owner, 13,000 miles  | £16,495 |
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| 0707 New Astra 1.6 16v Sxi 5dr Metro Blue 6800miles .....           | £9,995.00 |
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|------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------|----------|----------------|---------|--------|------------------------|-----|---------------------------------|-----------|-------|-------------------|----------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| <b>CORSA</b>                 |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2001                         | Y*  | Corsa Comfort E/T                 | 1.2    | 5        | Aruba blue     | 62,300  | 2,995  | 2005                   | 05  | Vectra Sri                      | 2.2       | 5     | Star silver       | 30,550   | 7,295       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2002                         | 52* | Corsa Comfort                     | 1.4    | 5        | Star silver    | 57,500  | 3,995  | 2007                   | 07  | Vectra Design                   | 1.8       | 5     | Star silver       | 12,650   | 9,650       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2003                         | 53* | Corsa Sxi CDTI                    | 1.3D   | 3        | Black sapphire | 74,200  | 3,995  | 2007                   | 57  | Vectra Exclusiv + pack          | 1.8       | 5     | Pomegranate red   | 4,675    | 9,995       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2005                         | 05  | Corsa Breeze                      | 1.2    | 3        | Silver         | 34,700  | 5,595  | 2008                   | 57  | Vectra CDTi Exclusive Auto 1.9D | 5         |       | Ultra blue        | 5,350    | 12,995      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 56  | New Corsa SXi A/c                 | 1.2    | 3        | Black sapphire | 21,100  | 7,995  |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 57  | New Corsa Club A/c                | 1.2    | 3        | Star silver    | 5,950   | 7,995  |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 07  | New Corsa Club                    | 1.2    | 3        | Ultra blue     | 6,080   | 7,695  |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 07  | New Corsa Club                    | 1.4    | 5        | Star silver    | 8,000   | 7,995  |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 57  | New Corsa Sxi CDTI                | 1.7D   | 5        | Star silver    | 8,800   | 10,995 |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2008                         | 57  | Corsa Breeze                      | 1.2    | 5        | Star silver    | 4,525   | 8,995  | 2007                   | 57  | Combo                           | 1.3D CDTi |       | White             | Delivery | £7,495+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2008                         | 57  | New Corsa Sxi A/c                 | 1.2    | 3        | Black sapphire | 7,285   | 8,995  | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £10,995+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £13,250+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>NON VAUXHALL</b>          |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2001                         | Y*  | Ford Focus Zetec                  | 1.6    | 3        | Metallic blue  | 39,100  | 3,795  | 2004                   | 04* | Ford Focus Lx Est               | 1.6       | 5     | Ice blue          | 46,850   | 5,695       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2006                         | 56  | Movano                            | 2.5    | CDTi LWB |                |         |        | 2006                   | 07  | Demonstrators                   |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £11,495+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>PRE REG VEHICLES</b>      |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2003                         | 03* | Signum Elegance                   | 2.2    | 5        | Oyster         | 50,375  | 5,495  | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £12,995+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2003                         | 53  | Signum Elegance Auto              | 2.2    | 5        | Star silver    | 36,500  | 5,995  | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | Silver            | Delivery | £12,995+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2004                         | 04  | Signum Elegance Auto              | 2.2    | 5        | Silver         | 34,850  | 6,995  | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £11,495+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 57  | Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav 1.9D     | 5      |          | Star silver    | 9,950   | 14,995 | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | Black             | Delivery | £13,495+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | Black             | Delivery | £13,495+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>MERIVA</b>                |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2004                         | 04  | Meriva Life E/T                   | 1.6    | 5        | Star silver    | 27,600  | 5,495  | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £14,95+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2004                         | 04  | Meriva Enjoy                      | 1.6    | 5        | Breeze blue    | 44,000  | 4,995  | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £14,95+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 57  | Meriva VRX                        | 1.6    | 5        | Arden blue     | 2,680   | 12,495 | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £19,995+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2008                   | 08  | Vivaro                          | 2.0CDTi   |       | White             | Delivery | £19,995+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>OTHER VAUXHALL MODELS</b> |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 57  | VXR8 Sat Nav                      | 6.0    | 4        | Phantom Black  | 6,775   | 31,995 | 2007                   | 57  | Astravan                        | 1.7D      |       | White             | 5,445    | £7,995+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>ASTRA</b>                 |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2003                         | 53  | Astra Elegance Estate             | 2.2    | 5        | Star silver    | 42,000  | 4,995  | 2007                   | 07  | Astravan                        | 1.9 CDTi  |       | Moonland          | 25,000   | £8,495+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2005                         | 05  | New Astra Sxi Sports hatch        | 1.6    | 3        | Ultra blue     | 42,000  |        | 2007                   | 57  | Combo                           | 1.3D CDTi |       | White             | 13,475   | £6,995+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2006                         | 06  | Astra Sxi Sports hatch            | 1.6    | 3        | Black sapphire | 32,200  | 8,995  | 2007                   | 07  | Combo                           | 1.3 CD Ti |       | White             | 3,400    | £7,195+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 07  | Astra Auto Design                 | 1.8    | 5        | Moonland       | 11,000  | 8,995  | 2007                   | 07  | Combo                           | 1.3 CD Ti |       | White             | 6,600    | £6,495+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 57  | New Astra Club Estate CDTI        | 1.3D   | 5        | Panacotta      | 7,850   |        | 2005                   | 05  | Vivaro                          | 1.9 CD Ti |       | Red               | 8,700    | £7,995+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 57  | New Astra Sxi CDTI (150ps) X pack | 1.9D   | 5        | Moonland       | 5,250   |        | 2007                   | 57  | Vivaro                          | 1.9 CD Ti |       | White             | 57,500   | £9,495+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2007                   | 57  | Movano                          | 2.50CDTi  |       | White             | 12,100   | £12,995+VAT |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| <b>USED SELECTION</b>        |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        |                        |     |                                 |           |       |                   |          |             |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2007                         | 57  | Astra                             | 1.7D   |          |                |         |        | 2007                   | 57  | Astra                           | 1.9 CD Ti |       | White             | 5,445    | £7,995+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2007                   | 57  | Combo                           | 1.3 CD Ti |       | White             | 13,475   | £6,995+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2007                   | 57  | Combo                           | 1.3 CD Ti |       | White             | 3,400    | £7,195+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2007                   | 07  | Combo                           | 1.3 CD Ti |       | White             | 6,600    | £6,495+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2005                   | 05  | Astra Club                      | 1.4       | 5     | Star silver       | 28,000   | £7,995+VAT  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2007                   | 57  | Astra Club                      | 1.4       | 5     | Star silver       | 11,750   | 6,995       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2000                   | 52* | Astra Club 8v                   | 1.6       | 5     | Classic green     | 59,000   | 2,695       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2005                   | 05  | Astra Club                      | 1.4       | 5     | Star silver       | 28,000   | 6,995       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2006                   | 06  | Astra Sxi Sports hatch          | 1.4       | 3     | Silver lightening | 28,000   | 8,995       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2007                   | 57  | Astra Elite Auto                | 1.8       | 5     | Star silver       | 13,700   | 9,995       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2008                   | 57  | Astra Breeze Plus               | 1.7D      | 5     | Star silver       | 12,300   | 11,495      |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2005                   | 05  | Zafira Design                   | 1.6       | 5     | Star silver       | 38,00    | 6,495       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                              |     |                                   |        |          |                |         |        | 2007                   | 07  | Zafira Club                     | 1.8       | 5     | Star silver       | 8,800    | 8,995       |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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■ BY STEVE LOADER

FORGIVE a whiff of smugness at your local Skoda dealer this week when the all-new Superb model arrives.

For this smart new model says a final goodbye to an era that lingered overlong – Skoda jokes.

Mickey-taking began in the late 1980s when the Czech brand's rear-engine Estelle began to look hopelessly obsolete against modern Western models such as the VW Golf and Ford Escort.

A favourite jibe was "How do you double the value of a Skoda? Fill the tank."

Skodas were cheap, spacious and rugged and extra traction gained from pairing engine and driving wheels at the back suited poor quality roads in the old Soviet empire, but the Estelle and its optimistically named Rapid sister delivered questionable handling on modern faster roads in the UK – as I found during a wet test drive in the late 1980s.

Nevertheless, reliability and a successful rally heritage inspired loyalty amongst a small band of owners and dealers such as Adamsons at Walmer, Deal, which is now reaping the rewards of sticking with the brand for some 30 years through thick and thin.

The thin was the Estelle. Proprietor Robbie Adamson admitted: "It had its funny ways, but it cost just £2,399 and came with two-and-a-half years' warranty – quite a deal for those days.

Skoda is so different now though, since the takeover by VW. The little Fabia is our best-seller by far and the environmentally-friendly Greenline version is creating a lot of interest, while the Octavia is a fabulous option for business users."

But he added tomorrow's unveiling of the luxurious yet still affordable new Superb would complete the brand's transformation.

Prices start from £15,490 and threaten cars like the Ford Mondeo, forthcoming Vauxhall Insignia and even the German executive marques.

Unlike the outgoing car, a stretched and 'warmed over' VW Passat, the new car is a

# Feeling smug at Skoda – but no jokes please



**TEAM:** Adamsons has a long-established commitment to Skoda says proprietor Robbie Adamson (fourth from left)

completely new model with dual-purpose load space access via a conventional bootlid that can also become a hatchback at the touch of a button.

Mr Adamson said it could satisfy those who liked hatchbacks for their ability to cope with big loads and those who preferred the 'executive' look of a booted saloon.



**EVOLVING:** Rear engine Estelle (above) spawned Skoda jokes ...but the all-new Superb (below) will end them once and for all



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**BREKA**, tjs, gj57ff, alarm, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric seats, electric windows, leather interior, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, special alloy wheels, split/folding rear seats, sunroof, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, red, 200 miles, £21995, Thame Group Tunbridge Wells, 01622 549766 (TRADE)

**SPIDER**, 3.2 V6, gj57ff, alloy wheels, anti-lock brakes, climate control, drivers airbag, electric windows, leather interior, metallic paint, passenger airbag, power steering, remote central locking, side airbags, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, blue, 9000 miles, £24995, Thame Group Tunbridge Wells, 01622 549766 (TRADE)

**AUDI**  
**A2**, 1.4 Sport 5dr, 03/10/2002, cd player abs alarm driver airbag power steering immobiliser cruise control electric windows, silver, 58488 miles, £6499, Invicta Motors, Ramsgate, 01843 853555 (TRADE)

**A3**, 2.0 TDI Sport 5dr, 123601127, abs, air bag, air bags, side air bags, side air bags, alarm, traction control, climate control, electric windows, electric windows, rear wash/wipe, electric windows, front fog lamps, immobiliser, centre armrest, electric seats, folding, cloth upholstery, power steering, child locks, quick-clear screen, dual climate zones, stereo, radio, cd player, 17" alloys, lava grey met, 48632 miles, £12499, AutoPanel Maidstone, 01622 481585 (TRADE)

**TT**, Quattro 1.8 20V T 225PS, dec 2001 5wf1xds, three previous keepers, power steering, remote central locking, climate control, electronic windows, 6 speed gear stick, full service history, single cd player, twin & side airbags, abs brakes, esp, engine immobiliser, car alarm, on-board computer, electronic mirrors, front fog lamps, tinted glass, steering column, seat height adjuster, grey leather interior, seats, heated seats, alloy wheels, brilliant black metallic, 45, 500 miles, £12, 995, Hollis Motors, Dover, 01304 26700 (TRADE)

**BENTLEY**

**ARNAGE**, red label auto, 2001, bimini silver with black leather, 50000 miles, £4950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**BMW**

**318 SE SALOON**, 2002, 02 (02) bmw 318 se (face lift) 4 door saloon, 143 bhp, stunning met grey coachwork with immaculate grey trim, full service history (just serviced) manual gear box, leather seats, remote central locking, full leather, full leather, centre armrest, electric seats, sports seats, xenon headlights, rear spoiler, abs, air bag, traction control, power steering, rear wash/wipe, electric wheel, cruise control, electric mirrors, dials, climate zones, doors, radio, cd player, stereo, rear and unusual car phone for further details!, yellow, 48795 miles, £16995, Saunders Abbott, Sidcup, 020 8300 2450 (TRADE)

**A4**, 2.0T FSI S Line 2dr Multitronic, gj66kg, red, 20200 miles, £1994, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

**A4**, 1.8T S Line Saloon 4dr 176cc (2004), m54t4h, climate control, abs braking system, alloy, remote locking, half leather interior, electric windows & mirrors, alarm / immobilizer, radio / cd, power steering, front & side airbags, back metallic, 88600 miles, £10995, E-SURED Cars UK, Broadstairs, 0845 6447751 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 120d SE 5dr, oy56ru, immobiliser, remote central locking, colour coded interior, full leather, centre armrest, electric seats, head restraints, head airbag, seat belt reminder, rear seats, rear armrest, rear headrests, adjustable steering column, cruise control, power steering, stability control, abs, child locks, multiple airbags, colour coded body, front fog lamps, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, roof rails, electric mirrors, electric windows, climate control, cd player, radio cassette, alloy wheels, black, 68000 miles, £9990, AR Cars, Kent, 01342 851122 (TRADE)

**A6**, SE, gj51nr, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, rear headrests, power steering, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, special alloy wheels, split/folding rear seats, sunroof, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, red, 200 miles, £21995, Thame Group Tunbridge Wells, 01622 549766 (TRADE)

**CHRYSLER**

**3**, 2002, dolphin grey, 63008 miles, £8995, WJ King Vauxhall, Bromley, 020 8646 3456 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 520i SE, gj51tu, remote central locking, head restraints, rear headrests, power steering, abs, air bag, electric mirrors, special alloy wheels, split/folding rear seats, sunroof, tinted glass, traction control, trip computer, red, 200 miles, £21995, SMC Mitsubishi Sittingbourne, Sittingbourne, 0844 5762476 (TRADE)

**6 SERIES**, 645ci coupe, 2004, mytic blue with black dakota leather, 39000 miles, £24950, Martin James Cars, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**7 SERIES**, 745i AUTO, 2002, oxford green metallic with beige nappa exclusive, 79000 miles, £10,145, Chertsey Motor House, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**SIRION**, 1.3 SE Hatchback 5dr, Auto, 08/2008, psa remote clocking electric windows, alloy rear parking sensors, black, 1,000 miles, £10,145, Chertsey Motor House, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**CHARADE**, 1.0 SL 5dr Hatchback, a/c alloy electric windows central locking, ps, champagne, 11, 000 miles, £3995, Chertsey Motor House, Folkestone, 01795 273795 (TRADE)

**MATERIA**, 08/2008, alloy wheels, twin exhaust, tinted glass, a/c, remote c/hlocking, electric windows, fog lamps, reverse park sensors & much more!!!, only 1,000 miles, £3995, Riviera Car Sales, Folkestone, 0103 242442 (TRADE)

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**CR-V**, 2.0 i-VTEC SE 5dr, 03/2002, cd player driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, black, 62335 miles, £3800, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 01795 4926700 (TRADE)

**HR-V**, 4wd 3dr, 611461, remote central locking, cloth upholstery, head restraints, power steering, air bag, colour coded body, metallic paintwork, rear wash/wipe, electric mirrors, air conditioning, cd player, radio, 15" alloys, 4x4, blue, 79800 miles, £2999, Marshalls, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**SIRION**, 1.3 SE Hatchback 5dr, Auto, 08/2008, psa remote clocking electric windows, alloy rear parking sensors, black, 1,000 miles, £10,145, Chertsey Motor House, 01303 275795 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6TDG Zetec 5dr, kn57lj, diesel, silver, 19500 miles, £10995, SMC Gravesend, Gravesend, 0844 5762452 (TRADE)

**ESCORT**, 1.7 LX [AC] 1997, insurance group 7 3 owners, partner black, 81000 miles, £1699, A 1 Carriges, Chertsey, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**FESTA**, 1.2 Ghia, 1997, insurance group 7 3 owners, central locking, front electric windows, drivers airbag, power steering, alloy wheels, immobiliser, diamond white, 63000 miles, £2000, A 1 Carriges, Chertsey, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**COUPE**, 2.0 SE Auto, 2003, blue, 32018 miles, £6495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**GETZ**, 1.1 GSi 3dr, 2008, various, 0 miles, £5995, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**I20**, 2.0 CRDI Premium, 2007, continental silver, 4000 miles, £14495, Morris Forshaw, Maidstone, 01622 750 442 (TRADE)

**KA**, 1.3i (70) 3dr, w56gttf, driver airbag, head restraints, immobiliser electric windows, red, 16227 miles, £3800, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 499792 (TRADE)

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**KALOS**, S 1.2, gj57gx, finished in sports blue with black interior, blue, 1000 miles, £8295, cayenne chevrolet t wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 1.6, gj57gx, finished in silver with interior, silver, 33000 miles, £8595, cayenne chevrolet t wells, 01892 515700 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.4 Style 5dr (2007 - 2007), 05/07/2007, cd player abs driver airbag power steering immobiliser electric windows, red, 16227 miles, £3800, Invicta Motors, Canterbury, 0844 499792 (TRADE)

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Interview: Wednesday, 27 August 2008

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Closing date: Friday, 8 August 2008

Interviews: TBC

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In addition to the requirements detailed above, candidates will ideally have teaching experience in a practical and/or classroom setting together with a teaching qualification or the willingness to work towards one. Applicants will also need to be flexible, as the hours will include teaching some evening classes and traveling to our satellite centres.

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We have the following vacancies:

**SCHOOLS PROJECT CO-ORDINATOR****£21,984 (inc. Labour Market Uplift)**

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Post Ref: S3

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Post Ref: 06/149

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## BUSINESS BRIEFS

### No empty promise as rates issue builds up

A CAMPAIGN against business rates for empty commercial premises being waged by the Thanet and East Kent Chamber has gone to the highest levels.

Chief executive David Foley and president Bill Moses met the area director of South East England Development Agency, Dr Susan Priest, who is responsible for Kent and Medway in Chatham.

They stressed that with the building of new shops, offices, factories and warehouses by the private sector coming to a virtual stop, some companies are even demolishing their empty buildings to avoid paying business rates.

Dr Priest will raise the issue with the Government Office of the South East.

### Take a flyer to win voucher for restaurant

DINERS who nominate their favourite restaurants to OrderOnlineNow, a new free web-based takeaway food ordering and reservation service, will receive a voucher to eat at restaurants which join the on-line community.

It is being launched in Kent with a million promotional fliers being distributed. Once established here, the model will be rolled out across the country.

Customers will be able to search and choose restaurants, select food and order takeaways, home deliveries and reserve a table. It's the brainchild of Betherston businessman Andrew Frisby.

### Uni joins research team studying 'third sector'

THE University of Kent has joined forces with other institutions to develop research and analysis into groups such as charities, social enterprises and small community organisations.

Collectively known as the 'third sector', the university has forged links with the University of Birmingham's Third Sector Research Centre.

The centre receives funding from the Economic and Social Research Council, Office of the Third Sector and The Barrow Cadbury Trust. It will receive £10.25 million over the next five years.

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Business Editor Tony Patey looks ahead as the credit crunch bites

# Investments fuel employment boom

## And science park bucks trend in commercial property

■ BY TONY PATEY

MORE than 1,600 new jobs have been created in Ashford in the past year – according to an organisation given the task of managing the growth of the town.

Ashford is thought to be the fastest-growing town between London and continental Europe, with ambitious plans to create 28,000 new jobs and build 31,000 homes by 2031.

About £2.5 billion of public and private sector money is expected to be invested in the town which with Thames Gateway is earmarked as a major growth area.

Training in highly-skilled sectors is growing. For example, Hitachi Rail Maintenance opened its train centre in October, and gives the town's school and college leavers chances to join an apprenticeship scheme.

Judith Armit, managing director of Ashford's Future, said: "This is an exciting time for the town. We can predict many others will soon find Ashford best placed to do business."

Locate in Kent, the county's investment promotion agency, assisted companies to create or retain 1,047 jobs in Ashford between April 2007 and this April.

Chief executive Paul Wookey said: "Half our successes have been in the ICT sector, with other jobs



GREEN ROOF PROPOSALS: A computer-generated image showing the new entrance planned for Kent Science Park, Sittingbourne

being created in construction and property, financial services, engineering and printing. Furthermore, 75 per cent were knowledge-based jobs indicating the town is attracting a high-quality workforce."

Major development plans have been unveiled at Kent Science Park, near Sittingbourne, involving £25m-worth of investment over the next five years and the creation of 500 new jobs – increasing the total there by a half.

Proposals, which could also

prove to be controversial, include a new arrivals centre, for which a planning application has just been lodged with Swale council.

Another proposal is the development of further technology units following the success of the recently completed first phase of new buildings.

The most significant investment is in the extension of the park by four hectares, from 22 hectares.

This is to accommodate tenants

who are expanding, and new com-

panies, within 129,000 sq ft of new commercial property as the park bucks the trend in the commercial property market.

As part of these proposals the park is consulting with residents, in particular those who live on Ruins Barn Road and Broadoak Road, hosting a public meeting, and producing a newsletter and a website which contains details of the proposals.

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AFTER last weekend's victory, Bapchild were brought back down to earth by a strong Old Elthamians side who secured a comfortable eight-wicket win.

Bapchild were all out for 161 in the 49th over as a number of their batsmen got starts but failed to go on and build any meaningful partnerships.

Old Elthamians reached their target with the loss of just two wickets and with 11 overs to spare.

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Kent racer Jay Bridger on his chance of winning the Formula 3 Championship

# McCague's side back on track in hunt for title

GORE Court got their title hunt back on track at The Grove on Saturday as they beat Sevenoaks Vine by six wickets.

Former Borden Grammar School boy Alex Edwards was the hero with the ball as his off spinners accounted for four Sevenoaks Vine wickets after claiming figures of 4-31.

Adeel Hussain's hostile opening spell broke the back of the Vine innings as he finished with figures of 3-34.

Fellow opener Phil Edwards picked up two wickets, including that of top scorer Alex Rayner for 47 as the away side were skittled out for a below par 126 inside 41 overs.

## CRICKET

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

Kent Academy youngster Chris Piesley led from the front for the Sittingbourne side as he scored a measured 51 to help his side close out the win.

Captain Martin McCague hit 27, while Kevin Jones crafted an unbeaten 24 to see his side over the line with more than 27 overs left to spare.

Court remain in fourth in the Premier Division and are just 12 points behind leaders Beckenham.

McCague takes his side to the league leaders on Saturday for a top of the table clash.



ALL OUT: Adeel Hussain appeals successfully for a wicket at The Grove

### Kent Cricket League Premier Division

Gore Court 1st XI v Sevenoaks Vine 1st XI

Sevenoaks Vine

|                                    | Runs       |
|------------------------------------|------------|
| John Bowden lbw b Edwards          | 27         |
| Chris Hammond ct Marsh b Hussain   | 51         |
| Alex Cooper st Marsh b Edwards     | 22         |
| Luke Blackaby lbw b Hussain        | 2          |
| Shane Iqbal ct McCague b Hussain   | 12         |
| Imaad Sayeed lbw b Edwards         | 2          |
| Alex Rayner ct Talbot b Edwards    | 47         |
| Harry Greenidge lbw b Edwards      | 12         |
| James Day st Marsh b Piesley       | 0          |
| John Gethins ct Cooper b Edwards   | 4          |
| Christopher Rainger not out        | 0          |
| <b>Extras (1b 2lb 2nb)</b>         | <b>3</b>   |
| <b>Total (8 wickets, 50 overs)</b> | <b>126</b> |

Bowlers 0 M R W

|                | O   | M | R  | W |
|----------------|-----|---|----|---|
| Adeel Hussain  | 11  | 4 | 34 | 3 |
| Philip Edwards | 12  | 2 | 37 | 2 |
| Alex Edwards   | 9.5 | 0 | 31 | 4 |
| Chris Piesley  | 8   | 0 | 24 | 1 |

Extras (1b 3lb 2nb) 6

Total (4 wickets, 22.1 overs) 131

Bowlers 0 M R W

|                | O   | M | R  | W |
|----------------|-----|---|----|---|
| C Rainger      | 3   | 0 | 21 | 0 |
| James Day      | 4   | 0 | 27 | 0 |
| John Greenidge | 2   | 0 | 16 | 0 |
| John Gethins   | 4   | 1 | 21 | 1 |
| John Bowden    | 6.1 | 0 | 26 | 2 |
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Rodmersham to a 126-run win over BOCA.

Bond hit 126 in a partnership worth 223 with veteran Dave Cogger (80) as BOCA's bowlers were put to the sword.

Rodmersham amassed a huge 280-3 when skipper Darren Nokes declared with nine overs to spare to allow time to bowl the hosts out.

All of Rodmersham's bowlers then got in on the act to restrict the home side to 154 all out. Dylan Emmett was the pick of the bowlers with figures of 3-24.

### Rodmersham

Runs

|                 |                      |     |
|-----------------|----------------------|-----|
| Liam Foster     | ct Lee b Arumugam    | 35  |
| Dave Cogger     | ct Freeman b Massiah | 80  |
| Marc Bond       | ct Forte b Massiah   | 126 |
| Lee Jackson     | not out              | 2   |
| Neil Hodgkinson | not out              | 3   |
| Sandeep Rodrigo | did not bat          | 0   |
| Dylan Emmett    | did not bat          | 0   |
| Michael Willis  | did not bat          | 0   |
| Nazoum Azhar    | did not bat          | 0   |
| Darren Nokes    | did not bat          | 0   |
| Jack Bayford    | did not bat          | 0   |

Extras (5b 7lb 11w 1nb) 34

Total (3 wickets dec, 41 overs) 280

Bowlers 0 M R W

|                 | O  | M | R  | W |
|-----------------|----|---|----|---|
| Kalai Arumugam  | 7  | 0 | 49 | 1 |
| Norman Puckerin | 9  | 0 | 62 | 0 |
| Joseph Lee      | 14 | 1 | 67 | 0 |
| Nigel Walker    | 4  | 0 | 37 | 0 |
| Julian Massiah  | 7  | 0 | 43 | 2 |

Extras (5b 10lb 3w 5nb) 23

Total 3 wickets, 50 overs) 235

Bowlers 0 M R W

|               | O  | M | R  | W |
|---------------|----|---|----|---|
| Jamie Ridgen  | 15 | 2 | 64 | 1 |
| Phil Rowcroft | 15 | 2 | 43 | 0 |
| Darryl Cook   | 10 | 2 | 45 | 1 |
| Andrew Machin | 10 | 0 | 69 | 1 |

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Total 3 wickets, 50 overs) 235

Bowlers 0 M R W

|                | O                       | M  | R | W |
|----------------|-------------------------|----|---|---|
| Steve Taylor   | ct Jones b Meadowcroft  | 1  |   |   |
| James Juniper  | ct Meadowcroft b Bender | 31 |   |   |
| Lee-Jon Thleys | not out                 | 7  |   |   |
| Phil Rowcroft  | ct Jones b Meadowcroft  | 6  |   |   |
| Ian Juniper    | lbw b Jones             | 24 |   |   |
| Jamie Ridgen   | c & b Jones             | 0  |   |   |
| Darryl Cook    | did not bat             | 0  |   |   |

Extras (2b 5lb 10w 1nb) 18

Total (9 wickets, 50 overs) 173

Bowlers 0 M R W

|                  | O  | M | R  | W |
|------------------|----|---|----|---|
| Simon Dickie     | 6  | 0 | 28 | 0 |
| Ian Bender       | 14 | 5 | 39 | 3 |
| Matthew Syrett   | 10 | 1 | 25 | 1 |
| Luke Meadowcroft | 9  | 2 | 24 | 3 |
| Harry Purbrick   | 2  | 0 | 10 | 0 |
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# Town show resolve despite Gills defeat

## FOOTBALL

■ BY GLENN PEARSON

MORE THAN 1,200 supporters packed into Salters Lane last Thursday night as a full strength Gillingham side outclassed Kent League side Faversham Town.

Gills boss Mark Stimson unleashed his strongest side on Faversham and although they romped to a deserved 8-0 win, Town's management and committee wouldn't have cared a bit.

The Salters Lane bar was packed all night and supporters had to park on the club's training pitch, such was the demand to watch the Lilywhites take on the side from League Two.

Town boss Justin Luchford was upbeat despite his side's mauling, and hopes some of the supporters will return over the course of the season to watch his team.

He told yoursrale: "We have to thank Mark Stimson for bringing the first team down and it has helped attract a crowd of more than 1,200."

"The bar was full, there were lots of local kids here too which is what the club is all about."

"We hope that people from Faversham who came to watch will start coming now."

The Lilywhites manager felt that despite the defeats to both Dover and Gillingham, the positives from the games has filled him with confidence ahead of the new campaign.



Picture: IGOR KUPCO

He said: "They scored eight goals and I think about five of them were outside or on the edge of the box and I don't think David Seaman in his pomp would have saved them.

"I thought we worked hard, created chances and got in behind them and no matter how many goals, we kept going and tried to play.

"I am really happy and I think there is a bright future for us."

Such is the clamour for a spot at Town, the club have 25 players looking to make this season's squad, which is to be trimmed down to 19 before the new season.

Town played Folkestone Invicta last night, for a report visit [www.yoursrale.co.uk](http://www.yoursrale.co.uk).

## Big spenders a worry but Abbott is hopeful

## FOOTBALL

SITTINGBOURNE manager Gary Abbott admits he is powerless to stop teams with bigger budgets signing his players after Bradley Spice joined Ashford Town last week.

Spice follows Anthony Hogg, Toby Ashmore, Mitchell Sherwood and Lee Hockey to The Homelands with former Brickies boss Steve Lovell.

With utility player Ian Varley also rumoured to be interested in a move to Ashford, Abbott said it has been difficult competing against the big spenders in the division such as Ashford, Folkestone Invicta and Kingstonian.

Sittingbourne earned their first win of the pre-season campaign with a 2-1 win away at Kent League side Erith & Belvedere at the weekend.

Richard Brady hit both goals which has left the Brickies boss hopeful that his assistant manager and new signing Tom Bradbrooke's partnership up front will help fire his side towards the play-offs.

He said: "Tom has been lively in training and looks really sharp."



Picture: CHRIS REGAN

**IN THE GOALS:** Gary Abbott hopes Richard Brady (pictured) will form a partnership with Tom Bradbrooke

He is good at linking up the play and at 6ft 2ins, he is also pretty good in the air. Richard Brady will play a lot more this season and I think he will profit from playing with Tom."

Abbott hopes to sign Joe Horlock permanently after a good showing in midfield, while youngsters Colin Richmond and Ben Williams have been added to the squad after featuring in the reserves last season.

Sittingbourne were in action at home to Fisher Athletic last night. For a full report and reaction from Bourne Park, visit

## Norton ready for tough season in a new league

## FOOTBALL

NORTON Sports take on local rivals Faversham Town in their first fixture as a Kent League club.

Ben Taylor will take his side to Salters Lane on Saturday, August 9 looking to get their campaign under way in style.

Taylor's side were promoted to the Kent League after winning the Kent County Premier Division last season and will play their fixtures at Herne Bay's Winch's Field.

Taylor has been putting his squad through their paces and opened up with a pre-season 2-2 draw with Faversham reserves last weekend.

On Saturday they beat Kent County Division One champions Bly Spartans in Canterbury, thanks to James Brincat's strike on 30 minutes. The midfielder's attempted cross was picked up by the wind and floated in for the only goal of the game.

It was a good competitive run out for the side ahead of what is likely to be a tough season for the new side in the Kent League.

Norton's pre-season schedule continues on Thursday night



**CHALLENGE AHEAD:** Ben Taylor is the manager of promoted Norton Sports

with the visit of Marc Seager's Whitstable Town, which will be played at Norton's ground, with a kick-off of 6.15pm.

The last scheduled friendly ahead of the new campaign will see Sussex County League side Rye United visit Norton this Saturday.

To find out who Norton will be playing throughout the season, visit [www.yoursrale.co.uk](http://www.yoursrale.co.uk) for details and full fixture list.



**IN FORM:** Kent celebrate reaching Twenty20 finals

## Tickets sell-out as Spitfire fans head to the Rose Bowl

## CRICKET

THE KENT Spitfires travel to the Rose Bowl this weekend looking to make it back-to-back Twenty20 trophy wins.

Rob Key's side face the Essex Eagles in the first semi-final of the day but the winners will not only boast of a place in the afternoon's final, they will also be the first county to represent England in this summer's inaugural Champions League.

Spitfire fans have been flocking to the St Lawrence Ground this week to get their tickets for Saturday's Twenty20 finals day at Hampshire's Rose Bowl.

The demand for tickets has been so high that the club has had to get more from the Rose Bowl which will make Kent the best supported club in the final.

The club sold their allocation last week and have gone back for a further 300 tickets because the demand in the county has been so high.

Kent's commercial and operations director, Jon Fordham said the club were a little taken aback at the demand to see Key's side in the final.

He said: "It has been a novel experience which took us by surprise really because of the level of interest from supporters.

"Last year for Twenty20 finals day we had to return about 500 tickets of the 1,600 we were given.

"But we sold out our allocation by Thursday morning and we managed to get a further 300 from the Rose Bowl.

"By the looks of it we will have sold 1,800 tickets which will make Kent the best supported club out of the four finalists."

While the Twenty20 tickets have been selling like the proverbial hot cakes, so too have places for the Friends Provident Trophy final against the Essex Eagles at Lord's on August 16.

The club have already sold their 4,500 allocation and Fordham has been selling a further 1,000 he received this week.

Essex are yet to put their tickets on sale and it is expected they will be unable to sell their allocation and may have to return some. Fordham has not ruled out asking for some more for Kent, if the demand is still high.

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